

THE TIMES

The Colditz syndrome at Long Kesh: Robert Fisk, page 16

Mr Wilson faces revolt by left over cash aid to industry

potentially major revolt of Labour Party wingers, including some ministers, is facing Government over its proposals for easing cash-flow crisis in industry.

Some ministers share backbench fears

Michael Hatfield Wilson is faced with a potential major revolt from his backbench, including some ministers, over the Government's proposals for easing the cash-flow crisis in industry.

Moderation call on pay by Mr Jack Jones

Britain faces a very grave economic crisis, and trade unionists should not pursue wage claims that might force firms out of business, Mr Jack Jones, leader of the country's biggest union, said yesterday.

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General Haig had heard of what was actually on the tapes. It was "devastating even catastrophic" for Mr Nixon, Mr Ford said.

Mendations whatever to the President. Mr Ford insisted, as he had done for the previous year, that he could not publicly recommend anything that might promote his elevation.



President Ford takes the witness stand in his historic appearance yesterday before the House judiciary subcommittee.

At the critical encounter on August 1 with General Haig Mr Ford insisted that "nearly the entire meeting covered other subjects" than the pardon options.

Mr Buchan resigns as minister

Political Staff The resignation of Mr Buchan, Minister of Agriculture and Food, was announced last night.



Mr Buchan: "Disagreement over policy and control."

complaint is his belief that the food pricing control should be returned to the Ministry of Agriculture and not with the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection.

Britain prefers EEC sugar to Australian

From David Cross Brussels, Oct 17 The British Government has decided to opt for a cheap sugar deal with the European Community in preference to a more expensive arrangement with the Australians.

Mr Heath is ready to meet MPs

By Our Political Staff Mr Heath yesterday announced his readiness to meet his backbenchers in the new Parliament.

Mrs Rockefeller has breast operation

From Peter Stratford New York, Oct 17 Mrs Nelson Rockefeller announced today that her wife "Happy" had had an operation this morning for the removal of a breast.

Government 'rejected minority stake' in airline

Additional equity capital and loans totalling £7m. Then it was budgeting for a further loss of some £1.5m in 1973-74, but it is now admitted that that forecast has been exceeded.

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Healey pledge on jobless

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Richard Burton to marry

Mr Richard Burton, the actor, who is 48, is to marry "as soon as practically possible" Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia.

The rest of the news

- "Scottish parliament": Labour MPs press for early legislation
Ulster: 48 hours' violence leaves Mr Rees uninvolved on detention policy
Pit productivity: Miners' leaders agree on union plan for bonus scheme

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Labour MPs call for a parliament in Scotland by 1976

From Tim Jones Edinburgh
The Scottish Labour Party's parliamentary group has asked Mr Wilson to include proposals for a Scottish assembly in the Queen's Speech next week...

Mine union leaders draft own bonus plan

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor
Miners' leaders yesterday reached unanimous agreement on proposals for a national productivity scheme to put to the National Coal Board next week...



Demonstrators marching through Belfast yesterday to publicize their protest about prison conditions in Northern Ireland.

Mr Rees refuses to change Ulster policy

From Robert Fisk Belfast
Forty-eight hours of burning and rioting both inside and outside Northern Ireland's prisons left the Government unmoved yesterday on its policy concerning detention without trial...

press the view of my colleagues in government.
Mr Rees, who said that since July he had personally ordered the release of 43 detainees in addition to those set free by the Long Kesh commissioners...

Whitelaw move to rally round Mr Heath

By Our Political Staff
Mr William Whitelaw tried yesterday to rally the Conservatives from their leadership conflicts with a statement of support as chairman of the party, for Mr Heath as leader...

Three-month-old twins died in overheated room

Twins aged three months died when their room became overheated and the supply of oxygen ran out, an inquest at Devizes, Wiltshire, was told yesterday by Dr William Kennard, a pathologist...

Restraint not unreasonable, Mr Jones says

Continued from page 1
"We should all give it a fair wind, in order to provide an opportunity to reduce the number of disputes by opening up new avenues to achieve social justice. Success in this field is a major objective of the social contract..."

country cannot afford it.
higher wage payments to overcome the present difficulties. This is especially the case with our members on the buses and in the commercial transport industry and some service industries..."

Anomaly over inquiry cost resolved by Ombudsman

By Geoffrey Smith Political Staff
A curious legal anomaly is disclosed in the quarterly report of Sir Alan Marre, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman), published yesterday...

Advertisement for Hine Cognac. Features the headline 'Why Hine cognac is different' and an image of a bottle of Hine Cognac. Text describes the unique production process in the Charente area of France.

Cancer fund to get cash in jailed men's banks

A bogus cancer research charity run by two couples from London was "about the most iniquitous fraud I have ever had the misfortune to deal with", Judge Abdele, QC, said at the Central Criminal Court last night...

Scottish strikers warned of massive lay-offs

From a Staff Reporter Edinburgh
Scottish workers were warned yesterday that "tens of thousands of men" might be laid off as an unprecedented number of strikes continued to affect the country...

Backlog holds up London mail

The Post Office has asked people not to post mail to addresses in the WC1 and WC2 districts of London because of a serious backlog at the West Central district sorting office caused by staff shortages and a ban on overtime...

Royal visit to Jamaica

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Jamaica from Saturday, April 26 to Thursday, May 1, next year. The Queen will be present for the opening stages of the meeting of Commonwealth heads of government...

Plaid Cymru appeal

Plaid Cymru yesterday launched an appeal to clear debts of £12,000 incurred in this year's two elections. Mr Elwyn Roberts, the treasurer, said it needed to expand staff and political activities to take advantage of its success...

Fisherman cleared

Alan George Brown, aged 24, a fisherman, who was said to have fired three rifle shots at a boat carrying a fisherman going to ram the boat he was in, was found not guilty yesterday at Newcastle Crown Court...

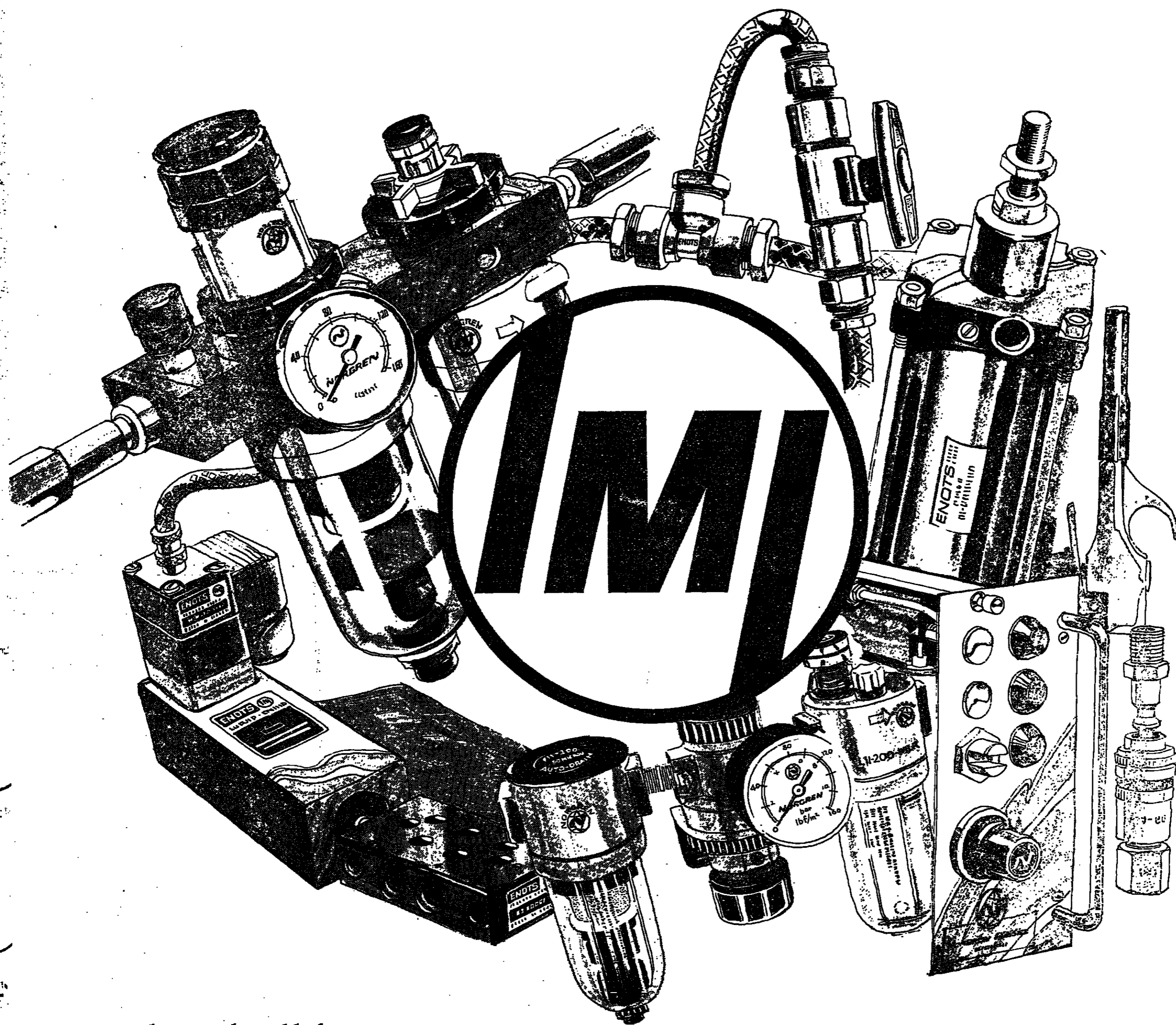
Going bankrupt?

The question whether a university can ever go bankrupt is investigated this week in 71 Times Higher Education Supplement. There is an article by the late Maurice Bowra by Lord Annan, physical sciences, but reviews, and the second instalment in the series on old farmers and higher education...

Weather forecast and recordings

Weather forecast and recordings section. Includes a map of the British Isles with weather symbols, a table of weather reports for various cities, and a table of weather forecasts for different regions.

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HOME NEWS

NHS may reach point of no return, thirteen leaders of medicine say

By John Roper Medical Reporter The presidents and deans of 13 royal colleges and faculties of medicine have warned the Government...

Since the health service began there was greater medical knowledge and much more help from technological developments. But there was a gap between what could be done and what was done...

Universities plead for early government aid

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent The vice-chancellors of Britain's universities feel that their financial future is so uncertain that yesterday they took the unprecedented step of publishing a crucial memorandum...

inflation. The rate for universities is running at more than 20 per cent. Sir Arthur estimated that the cost of energy supplies at Manchester University, where he is vice-chancellor, had risen from £250,000 to £1m since 1973...



Celebrating Arthur Askey's 50 years in show business at a Variety Club luncheon in London yesterday are, from left Ernie Wise, Leslie Crowther, Eric Morecambe, Danny La Rue, Derek Nimmo, Eric Sykes and Jimmy Edwards.

Liberals discuss tax defiance to aid policy

By Geoffrey Smith Political Staff A proposal is being discussed at the highest levels of the Liberal Party for withholding tax payments in an attempt to enforce electoral reform...

which Liberal policy placed so much emphasis during the election campaign, would depend for its success on there being an exceptional public response for these laws...

Urban car pollution 'increasing sharply'

From Pearce Wright Science Correspondent Cardiff The frequency with which photochemical fumes are produced by the action of sunlight on unburnt hydrocarbons and nitrous oxides from car exhausts in urban areas is increasing sharply...

Mr Paul Foot claims order not binding

Mr Paul Foot, aged 36, editor of the Socialist Worker, contended in the High Court yesterday that judges' directions not to disclose the identity of witnesses in certain cases was not legally binding...

ailed, although the applicant before the court was for a committal to prison. "The position is that if a court is satisfied that the article written by Mr Foot in the Age 13 issue amounts to contempt the question of penalty is a matter for the court," he said...

Advantage is restored to power station engineers with 10% pay agreement

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor A 10 per cent pay agreement which reestablishes pay differentials for 20,000 skilled power station engineers...

From the council's point of view, the settlement, which will cost an extra £10m a year, is with the framework of a "ghost" reconstruction scheme worked out with the union in February but put to one side until statutory pay controls were abolished...

of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, has written to other unions with members in the electricity supply industry asking them to support an approach to the Electricity Council for a "review" of the pay agreement...

M62 bomb trial told of gelignite tests

A Home Office explosives expert told the M62 coach bomb trial at Wakefield Crown court yesterday that damage to the coach was caused by 20 consistent with a charge of 20 to 25lb of high explosive of the gelignite type.

New court application over Beatles' cash

The dispute over the multi-million pound business built up by the talents of the returned to the High Court yesterday. Mr Allen Klein and his company, ABKCO Industries Inc, who at one stage managed the affairs of the group before it split, asked a judge to strike out large parts of a claim brought against him by John Lennon, George Harrison, Ringo Starr, Yoko Ono Lennon and 28 English and American companies associated with the Beatles.

Cut-price Sealink to Europe for motorists

By Our Shipping Correspondent Motorists will be able to make short trips to the Continent at half the normal fare under a scheme to be introduced by British Rail Sealink from November 1. Similar concessions will be offered by Townsend Thoresen and the other operators in an effort to boost faltering traffic across the channel.

Students shun chemistry at universities

Many chemistry departments at universities are able to recruit only half the number of undergraduates they have room for, Professor W. R. McWhinnie, of Aston University, Birmingham, said in his inaugural address as professor of chemistry last night.

'Let nurses prescribe pill'

By a Staff Reporter Nurses, midwives and health visitors should be empowered to prescribe oral contraceptives, according to a group of prominent doctors connected with family planning. A letter in the British Medical Journal today signed by Dr Michael Smith, Chief Medical Officer of the Family Planning Association, Sir Stanley Clayton, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and 22 other leading gynaecologists and research workers says that while nurses who have had appropriate training could dispense the pill, doctors should continue to supervise and see any complicated cases.

Accessibility to oral contraceptives is one factor determining how widely they are used, the letter says, and the present requirement for a doctor's prescription is a burden to an overstretched medical service. Support for that view is given in a leading article in The Lancet, but it points out that while the pill was given approval by the Royal College of General Practitioners' report earlier this year, there are still doubts about its long-term safety. It is too soon to take the pill off prescription altogether, The Lancet says.

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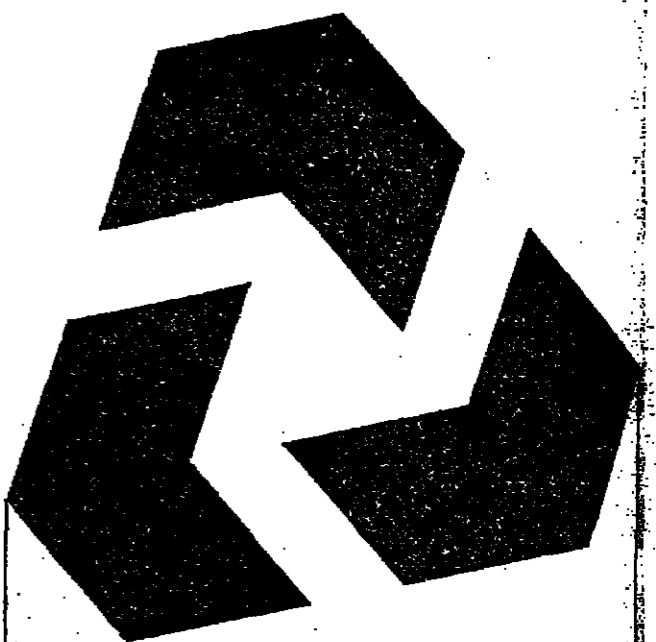
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HOME NEWS

Inquiry into death of boy aged four criticizes poor communications between local authority services

Martin Huckerby... The inquiry, under the chairmanship of Mr Alan Davies, former clerk to Nottinghamshire County Council, said that not enough attention or credence was given to the reports by two neighbours about the boy's condition.

The report notes that there was criticism of the decision of the Essex child care department in December, 1970, to "close the case" on Max, particularly since the consultant paediatrician, who had seen the boy at St Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, had been suspicious of the child's injuries and was still concerned about his future.

While the report does not go into medical details about the boy's condition, it says the ultimate cause of death was a head injury and quotes the Court of Appeal's assumption that the boy's emaciated condition was due not to deliberate starvation but to his inability to absorb and digest food.

An official inquiry, made up of members of Essex County Council and Essex Area Health Authority but with an independent chairman, was set up after this year and its report was due to be published October 29. It is published to inform about its recommendations had leaked.

However, there were no visits by health visitors between October, 1972, and April, 1973, because the regular health visitor was in hospital and the social workers were not told.

The report says: "Clearly the main responsibility lay with the parents, and for their actions they have been punished." Among the report's recommendations there is a call for urgent action to improve relationships between general practitioners and social workers.

Warning on arrival of local authorities

Christopher Warman... is government aid to local authorities would lead to the use not only of the rating system but also of local government in its present form, the Finance in Bournemouth of Rating and Valuation Association was told yesterday.

Terry Cheetham, director of the London Borough of Sutton, said that unless rates were done quickly rates of 70 per cent predicted in certain quarters for next year would be likely to prove a strain rather than the exception.

Cheetham said: "I cannot see that it is in the interests of central government to let government perish; but it is prepared to give us resources we need, local government as we know it may be difficult to survive."

Cheetham also described increased assistance to ratepayers as "a cosmetic disguise the real impact burden being forced upon rates". Not every non-ratepayer was automatically rich or making high income.

Lana Gray dead... Lana Gray, aged 31, sister of Lord Cromer, former governor of the Bank of England, and wife of Mr Gray, was found dead of throat wounds at her flat in Offham, near Maidstone, Kent, yesterday.

General Synod debate on divorce to reopen

By Clifford Longley... The question of the remarriage in church of divorcees which appeared to have been settled in favour of "no change" last November, is to be reopened by the General Synod of the Church of England at its next meeting next month.

Last November a procedural tangle produced a result that, in the opinion of many members, did not really represent majority opinion. Led by the Right Rev Robert Runcie, Bishop of St Albans, these critics of the decision complained that majority opinion favoured further debate within the dioceses, at rank-and-file level.

Two motions have been accepted for debate at the synod, which begins on November 5. The first repeats the argument put forward by the Bishop of St Albans last autumn, that diocesan synods "should be asked to indicate whether they consider that an alteration in the present marriage discipline of the Church of England in order to permit remarriage of divorced persons in church (under appropriate conditions and with due safeguards) is theologically defensible and pastorally desirable, and to report their views to the secretary general by May 31, 1976".

A new aspect of the question will be brought before the General Synod, the far more radical issue of whether the Church of England can any longer recognize civil marriages.

in accordance with the present state of civil law as valid Christian marriages. The Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev Graham Leonard, will move on behalf of his diocesan synod "that this synod express its concern about the change in understanding of the nature of marriage expressed in the Divorce Reform Act, 1969; is therefore of the opinion that further consideration of proposals for the remarriage of divorced persons in church should be deferred until there has been a fresh examination of the Christian doctrine of marriage and of marriage discipline in the Church of England; and asks the presidents and the standing committee to arrange for this examination, so that the General Synod can at an early date give further consideration to these important issues".

The implication behind Dr Leonard's motion is that the Divorce Reform Act introduced in 1969 the concept of divorce by consent, after two years of separation, and the existence of that way out of an unsuccessful marriage on the statute book makes it no longer possible to regard marriage in English law as a contract binding "until death us do part".

That would mean that marriage according to English law could no longer be regarded as automatically valid in the eyes of the church. The ramifications for the question of the remarriage of divorcees in church are enormous—if the failed "first marriage" was never a Christian marriage, the church would logically cease to regard the parties to it as having once been married, offering themselves for the church's blessing on a second marriage.

They would, in short, be in exactly the same situation as single people wanting to be married in church, and there would be no further difficulties.

£3.5m plan for 2,000 teachers to work abroad

By Our Education Correspondent... A £3.5m plan to give every teacher a chance to train and teach abroad is suggested today as a means of making teaching more attractive as a career.

The National Union of Teachers, in a booklet on teacher exchanges, says a period abroad either teaching or on "interesting study course" is an essential part of a teacher's education. The union recommends that the Government should finance the scheme for between 2,000 and 2,500 places for teacher exchange and in-service education by 1981-82.

Explosives case woman is remanded

Mrs Frances Mabel Redman, aged 39, a machinist, of Roseberry Avenue, Tottenham, London, was remanded in custody until today week at Epping Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with possessing 28 sticks of gelignite at Earls Path, Waltham Abbey, Essex, on October 15.

Amendment to poll details

The following additional amendment to voting figures in the general election was reported yesterday by the Press Association: BRIDLINGTON: Cherry, J. M. S. (L) 11,795 instead of 10,795. C majority 11,108 instead of 10,108. Total vote 44,529. Turn-out 67.9 per cent. Lab 22.3 per cent. Nat Front 2.2 per cent. C maj 22.7 per cent. Swing -2.4 per cent.

Higher cost of chips with everything

Prices of sausages, baked and chips are to be increased. Potatoes are costing because the wet weather is making it harder to dig up the fields. Prices of frozen prepared chips also last month by at least one processor company.

Food prices

Hugh Clayton... depending on size, and its salad cream, fruit juices and tinned salads also will cost more. On the fresh food front, the immediate prospect is good. Supermarkets are competing hard on meat. Lipton is advertising English rump steak at 86p a pound, compared with a range of 92p to £1 in most other shops.

Poultry prices are steady

Poultry prices are steady; the cheapest supermarket chicken costs 24p a pound, compared with 19p three months ago, but most frozen and fresh birds will cost at least 36p a pound. Fresh fish will be cheaper today in many areas than a week ago, with cod steaks as much as 5p lower at 44p to 52p a pound.

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WEST EUROPE

Spanish professional group forms leftist political party

From Harry Debellus Madrid, Oct 17 A group of prominent Spanish professional men announced here today that they have formed a social democratic party in Spain, where all political parties other than the Falange-based National Movement are prohibited. The founders include Seror Manuel Diaz-Alegria, a lawyer and the son of the recently dismissed chief of the Spanish...



Full house at the first official parking area for cyclists in the centre of Paris.

Madrid paper was 'duped'

Madrid, Oct 17.—The Spanish newspaper Nuevo Diario today retracted a story about the formation here of a government in exile by right-wing Portuguese. It said it had been duped by persons apparently interested in disturbing good relations between Spain and Portugal.

Bizarre end-of-the-world vigil starts hunt for former priest whose followers included a duke Sect under spell of 'Christ on Earth'

From Our Correspondent Geneva, Oct 17 Police are trying to find a former Italian priest, Don Rino Ferraro, aged 51, who is leader of a sect awaiting the end of the world. Don Ferraro, who calls himself 'Christ on Earth', was a follower of the late Michael Collins, the French 'Anti-Pope'.

London talks on fishing ban off northern Norway

By Our Diplomatic Staff Norwegian proposals for trawler-free zones off northern Norway were discussed yesterday at a meeting in London between Mr David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, and Dr Jens Evensen, the Norwegian Minister of Trade, who deals with fishing limits.

General strike in Italy amid political chaos

From Peter Nichols Rome, Oct 17 The country today faced a general strike involving some 10 million workers with the added complication of having to do so without a Government. The situation is unique in recent Italian history. For years...

Portugal urges UN to lift embargoes

From Peter Strafford New York, Oct 17 President Costa Gomes of Portugal today called for help and understanding from the international community for Portugal's 'peaceful revolution'. There was no longer any reason to cast anathema at Portugal, he said, appealing for a quick lifting of the United Nations embargoes and restrictions.

Italy's economic planner resigns

Rome, Oct 17.—Dr Giorgio Ruffolo, Italy's top economic planner, has resigned because of what he called the impossibility of implementing planning decisions. In his letter of resignation he said these difficulties had worsened lately, coinciding with Italy's economic and political crisis.—Reuter.

Brandt invitation to Labour Party

Treysa, West Germany, Oct 17.—Herr Brandt, leader of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) said today that he had invited Britain's Labour Party to join talks on European issues. He said that any justifiable British proposals for shaping the EEC should be considered, but the Community must be strengthened rather than weakened.—Reuter.

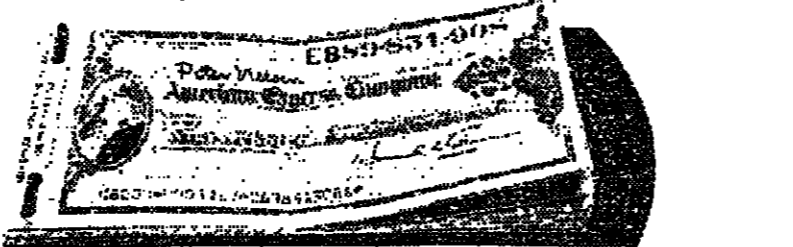
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Call to speed up decision on EEC centre

From Craig Seton Parliamentary Staff Strasbourg, Oct 17 A European Parliament study group has attempted to force the pace over a decision on a single centre for the various dispersed European Community institutions with the publication today of a report critical of the present situation.

Brussels explains gap in price of beef

From David Cross Brussels, Oct 17 Although there has been a sharp fall in market prices received by beef producers in all parts of the European Community in recent months, the Commission also reveals that beef production in the Community will be between 14 and 16 per cent higher (a total of 5,400,000 tons) compared with last year while consumption remains static.

African likely to be new Unesco head

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Oct 17 The most important task before the general conference of Unesco, which opened in Paris today, with more than 500 delegates from 122 countries is the replacement of Mr René Maheu, who has held the post of Director-General for 12 years.

Airline closes routes

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Oct 17 Inter, the French domestic airline, has closed three services under an austerity plan to save money. M Marcel Cavaille, the State Secretary for Transport, told the National Assembly yesterday that the services were Paris-Lille, Paris-La Rochelle, and Paris-Belfort.

Journalist held in £2m fraud case

Geneva, Oct 17.—Mr Sergio Locatelli, a 35-year-old Swiss journalist, has been arrested here on charges of defrauding a Geneva banker of 15.1 million Swiss francs (more than £2m). He was alleged to have obtained the money to finance films for Italian and Swiss television. Mr Locatelli denied the accusations when questioned by an investigating magistrate yesterday.—Reuter.

OVERSEAS

Replay of Nixon tape makes court burst into laughter

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Oct 17 One of the tapes of Mr Nixon, the former President, was played in public for the first time today in the Watergate over-... (text continues)

India asks US for more food assistance

From Michael Hornsby Delhi, Oct 17 With several Indian states reeling under the scourge of famine, the Government in Delhi has swallowed its pride and is discreetly negotiating a resumption of food aid from America to help to offset an expected decline of at least 10 per cent in the autumn grain crop. This has been a painful, and potentially politically embarrassing decision for Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, who rashly declared in 1972, after a run of good harvests, that India would never have to rely on American food aid again. From 1956 to 1972 the United States supplied India with 60 million tonnes of grain on concessional terms under the so-called PL 480 agreement. This provided for repayment to a rupee account on which the American Embassy was permitted to draw to meet certain of its expenses. This arrangement was held by nationalist circles in India to be demeaning for a sovereign country. The American claims in rupees on the Indian economy did in fact grow to impossibly huge proportions, and last December Washington effectively wrote off the greater part of the Indian debt. America has abolished the system of local currency payment for food aid. But, even paid for in dollars, concessional supplies of grain on easy repayment and low interest terms, such as the Indians are now seeking, would apparently still bear the politically emotive PL 480 label. The Americans have not so far responded very sympathetically to India's difficulties, partly because they nurse a grievance over what they feel to have been Indian ingratitude in the past. There is also the practical factor that the United States is no longer producing the huge grain surpluses of the 1950s. The United States is understood to have indicated its willingness to supply 500,000 tonnes on concessional terms, which is not much when set against a possible total Indian import requirement in 1974-75 of 10 million tonnes. (Delhi is believed to have arranged already for the purchase of several million tonnes on a straight commercial basis from various suppliers.)



A starving Indian, too weak to move, waits to die.

This was stated in Delhi today by Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director and chairman of the board of governors of the IMF. He said the fund by itself could not find long-term solutions. Nevertheless, it was considering whether something could be done next year to lighten the burden of the poorer countries. The IMF was working on some changes in its articles of incorporation to bring about restructuring in its operations to make it more useful. Bengal famine, page 16

Food aid is certain to feature prominently in talks here later this month between Mrs Gandhi and Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, though this may not be admitted publicly. Mrs Gandhi is expected to press for a substantially larger American commitment. An unknown factor in the food import equation is the possibility of a repetition of last year's loan of two million tonnes of wheat by the Soviet Union. So far all the signs are that a recent Indian mission to Moscow, led by Mr D. P. Dhar, the Planning Minister, came away empty-handed. Low-interest loans: The International Monetary Fund proposes to provide larger amounts on lower interest to the developing countries. This facility will be available as a temporary measure to enable the developing countries to tide over their difficulties on account of the oil price rises.

American expelled Rio de Janeiro, Oct 17.—Mr Frederick Morris, a former Methodist missionary from America, accused of subversion and reported to have been tortured by Brazilian security police, was expelled from Brazil last night.—Reuter.

Western reporter attends Soviet trial

Moscow, Oct 17.—Soviet officials, in an unprecedented move, today allowed a Western reporter and leading dissidents to attend the opening of the trial for careless driving of a Jewish activist, Mr Viktor Polsky. Mr Polsky, a physicist, aged 44, is charged with injuring a girl pedestrian last March. A defence statement made available to foreign reporters before the trial began argued that the girl had tried to commit suicide. When foreign correspondents went to the central Moscow courthouse today, they were allowed into the building and up to the third floor, with leading Jewish activists and two lawyers from California. When police opened the doors of the room they first allowed in men in raincoats. Then Mr Mark Brayne, a Reuter reporter, Mrs Valena Bonner—wife of the dissident physicist Mr Andrei Sakharov—and one of the United States lawyers were let through. It was the first time in recent years that a foreign reporter or a legal observer from the West had been allowed to attend a trial alleged by Soviet dissidents to be politically motivated. Also allowed in was another Jewish activist, Mr Alexander Goldfarb. He speaks English and was to act as interpreter. A total of 10 witnesses went in for the opening of the hearing.—Reuter.

Australia is to run down Woomera range

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Oct 17 Activities at the Woomera rocket range will be run down when current British work there ceases, Mr Lance Barnard, the Australian Defence Minister, told Parliament in Canberra today. Woomera would continue to operate but at a reduced level, and staff at the range would be found new jobs elsewhere in the public service. Work at the range would be frozen but the base would not be closed down in case it was needed in the future.

Peking scoffs at Mao stroke report

From David Bonavia Peking, Oct 17 The Chinese Foreign Ministry said today that a recent report in a London newspaper regarding Chairman Mao Tse-tung's health was "no and our rum-rum-mongering". The ministry's spokesman made no further comment on the report, published by The Daily Telegraph, which alleged that Chairman Mao suffered a severe stroke at the end of September, although he met President Bongo of Gabon on October 5.

Mr Ford wins the day on military aid to Turkey

Washington, Oct 17.—President Ford today vetoed for the second time a controversial measure to cut off military aid to Turkey, and the House of Representatives promptly upheld his move by a narrow margin. It takes a two-third majority by both the House and the Senate to overturn a veto. Congressional leaders alleged that the veto meant the United States was now endorsing Turkish arms shipments to Cyprus.—Reuter. Our Diplomatic Staff writes: Mr Rauf Denkash, the Turkish Cypriot Vice-President, is expected in London on Sunday or Monday. He will be here for a few days on his way to the United Nations in New York, where a General Assembly debate on Cyprus is expected to start about October 28. He is likely to see British ministers while he is here.

Accused Swapsader says police hit him

From Our Correspondent Town, Oct 17 The national chairman of the West African Peoples' Organization, (Swaps), Mr Sid Merero, aged 57, said in Windhoek court this week he had been assaulted by police while in custody. Mr Merero, a businessman of 10 years, is facing on a charge of possessing literature. He was arrested on February 7 and was incarcerated under the Terrorism Act. He told the court that he had been required to stand through interrogation from early morning to sunset. Refused permission to go to the lavatory, he told to wet his pants. A policeman struck him for 15 minutes. Earlier evidence, a police officer, Major G. J. Stanger, said Merero, whose cell measured by 12ft, had not been let out for exercise between late March and some in June. The trial was begun until January 13.

Mr Trudeau to visit Paris and Brussels

From Our Correspondent Ottawa, Oct 17 Mr Trudeau, the Prime Minister, sets out on Sunday on his first official visit to Europe since taking office more than six years ago. Accompanied by his wife Margaret, the Prime Minister will fly to Paris for two days of talks with President Giscard d'Estaing and M Chirac, the Prime Minister. On Wednesday and Thursday he will be in Brussels for discussions with Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, and officials of the European Community. He returns to Ottawa next Friday. Mr Trudeau has long been Canada's most-travelled Prime Minister, having visited countries as far away as the Antipodes, and as close as the United States. He has also been to the Soviet Union, China, Japan, Malaysia, India, Iran and Ceylon. He visited Britain briefly two years ago for talks with Mr Heath.

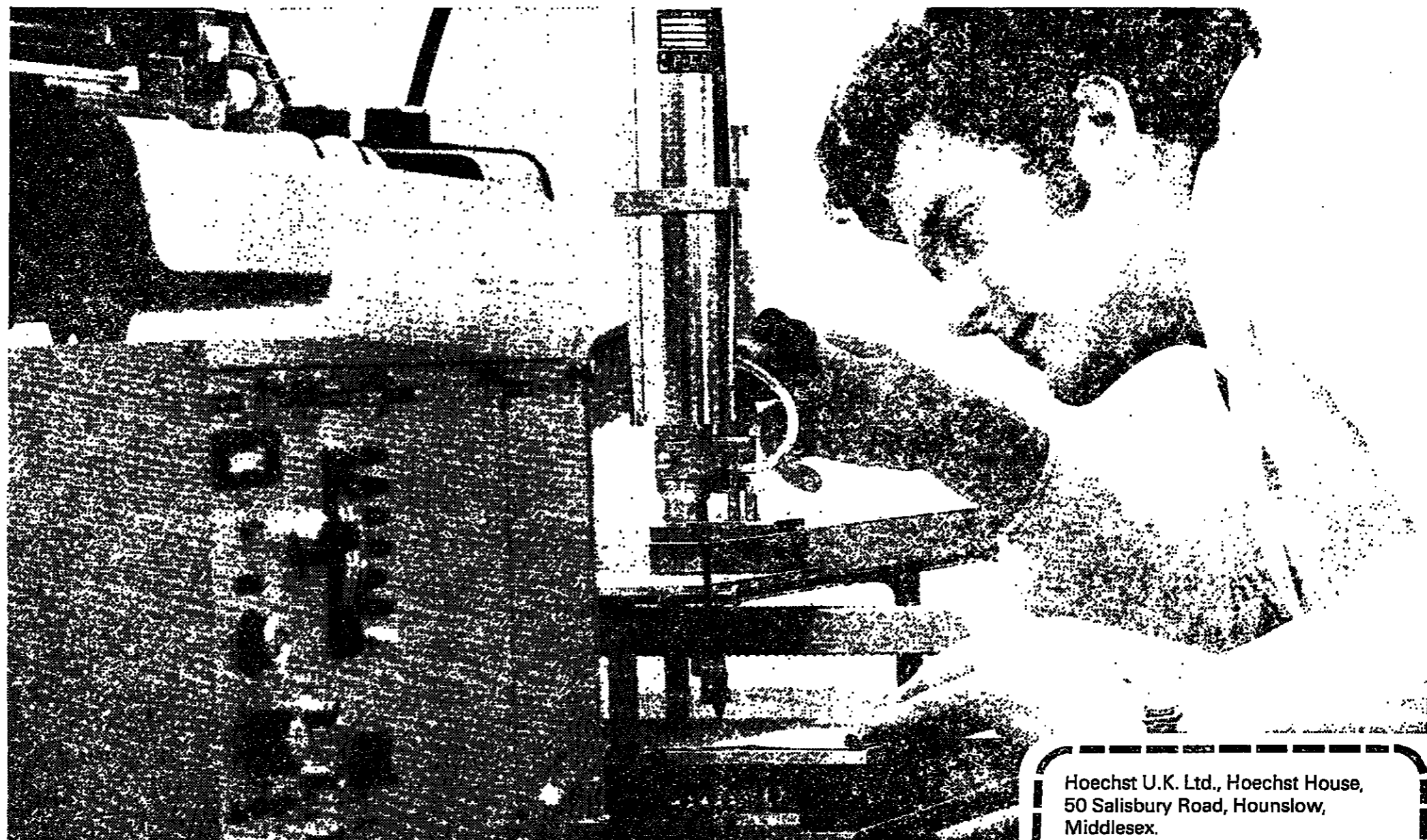
Torture charges against 7 Greek officers

Our Correspondent Athens, Oct 17 Constantine Fafoutis, the chief public prosecutor, accused today that 17 police officers have been charged with torturing political prisoners during the years of the military dictatorship. Fafoutis said that the charges of "repeated acts of authority and serious physical injury" lodged against 13 officers were security police, one army, and three officers of notorious Boyati military a, near Athens. The charges to the specific cases of persons who gave evidence of ill-treatment while under detention. Fafoutis said if further evidence emerged in the course of pre-trial investigation, 1 has now been opened.

further charges may be made. The charges were made public after Mr Fafoutis studied the conclusions of a preliminary investigation by Mr Vasiliou Pappas, a magistrate, who interrogated scores of witnesses. The Athens prosecutor has also received a report on the preliminary judicial inquiry into the deaths and injuries at the clashes at Athens Polytechnic a year ago, when the Army and police put down a student uprising. Meanwhile, Mr Demetrios Bitsios, a career diplomat, was sworn in today as Minister of Foreign Affairs in Mr Constantine Karamanlis's caretaker Government. He is taking over from Mr George Mavros, under whom he had served as Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Israel Government seeks help from religious party

Eric Marsden Jerusalem, Oct 17 Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister, tonight met leaders of the National Religious Party to discuss the possibility of their joining his Government. His decision to co-opt the NRP was approved by the Knesset's central committee last night. The 12 seats in the 120-seat Knesset, the NRP could increase its strength to a majority of 26 of the present 50. It is to accept the portfolios of Religious Affairs, Interior and Social Welfare, left vacant in the election in December. The NRP hopes to rejoin the coalition which it left because of disagreement over the definition of who is a Jew. The net gain may not be so high. Earlier yesterday Mr Rabin saw leaders of Mapam, the left-wing partner in the ruling alignment, and Mrs Shulamit Aloni of the Citizens Rights Party. Mapam is likely to acquiesce in the return of the NRP on the condition that it does not hinder prospects of a Middle East peace settlement, but there is speculation that Mrs Aloni and her two Knesset colleagues, who fought the election on a secularist platform, will go into opposition rather than serve with the religious party.



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SPORT

# Fog halts first round play and cuts event to 63 holes

From Peter Ryde  
Golf Correspondent  
Venice, Oct 17

When the sun finally struggled through to the Lido course here today it was too late to allow a full day's play in the Italian Open championship. Scores were restricted to nine holes and the championship to 63 holes at the most. If fog returns tomorrow another nine holes will be played starting at the 10th so that one whole round will have been completed before the field is reduced.

The weather was glorious by sunshine but this area and in his season of autumnal mist the worst must be expected.

It was one of those maddening days when a seven o'clock start was possible and Howard Clark saying in a twosome at the head of the field was through the turn after 90 minutes. But the fog closed in again slowing down everything except the taxi drivers.

One of the first to be affected was the Miller, who was hit by the fog after three holes for about an hour. In the presence of a quadron of ducks and 30 faithful slowers he stood about in the old stowing tolerance, all the more impressive in view of the different start he had made. In the nick of time before the cancellation of the whole day the assistance to the rescue and drew aside to sell from a course not immediately showing signs of championship quality but having considerable charm.

Clearly some thinking will have to be done before risking another autumnal championship as such an uncertain time of year in this area. The magic name of Venice must clear the fairways of delays, or can it remove the danger of an event not being completed even when the field is restricted to less than 120. George O'Grady, a PGA director, who will change the event, had a difficult day apart from having to make the decision he did not appear to have any means of transport on the course. He said he would not play. Nine holes is not ideal in the championship—the British PGA championship was once won over holes—but it is clear that in abandoning play and losing a serious afternoon's golf or of being an uncompleted day.

Miller was bunkered beside the green and plugged in a bunker at the second. He had a long putt for his four at the first at the second after blasting out took three putts missing a slip-off one of two feet to the short hole. The third hole was a "where did that pin go?" the fog rolled in but he pitched eight feet and holed to get a back. Can he do it? The event is spent in discussing, among other subjects, the role of the die on the green.

Miller's caddie, brought with him in America, equates at a discreet pace behind Miller on the line the putt in order to see how it falls and what there is to

# Jago joins Millwall in London panic

By Norman Fox

In their writing to escape from the financial perils of relegation, some of the threatened London clubs are playing managerial pass-the-parcel. David Sexton, sacked by Chelsea a fortnight ago, has taken over at Queen's Park Rangers, whose previous manager, Gordon Jago, yesterday succeeded Benny Fennon, at Millwall. The only London first division club not yet tempted into change of management is Arsenal, who on Wednesday went to the bottom of the table while Tottenham Hotspur were playing to a distinguished little crowd of 12,822 despite Terry Neill's changes that were reported to have freed the players from the inhibitions of the old-fashioned methods of Nicholson and Bally.

In this panic-stricken atmosphere a manager can in one week be sitting alone in the back of a grandstand contemplating his failure and the next being welcomed to a new club like an apostle of certain success—the case being the story of Mr Sexton. Similarly, only at the end of August Mr Jago said he had a plan to overcome pressures that had led to so many middle-aged managers being disposed. He would, he said, "quit at 50" and possibly become an administrator or public relations man. In the summer he was seen as one of England's brightest young managers; in the autumn he felt he had been relegated to the position of "team manager"; and now he is at Millwall, a club seemingly destined to remain for ever in the second division although that point would not be conceded by the new chairman, Herbert Burnidge.

Mr Fennon resigned from Millwall on October 3 and since then the team has been run by Lawrie Leslie. The first job for Mr Jago will be to choose the side to play against Bristol Rovers tomorrow. Although not reflected in attendance figures this season is developing into one of the most interesting for several years. The prospect of Arsenal, Tottenham and seven Leeds United struggling to get their heads above the muddy waters is sadly fascinating and with Spurs and Arsenal meeting each other at White Hart Lane tomorrow there will not have been a more crucial North London derby in years. Peters, who has missed three of Tottenham's recent games, is fit.



Jago yesterday with two Millwall players—Kitchener and Saul.

# Cricket

## Prudential to sponsor world cup

The Prudential Assurance Company are to sponsor cricket's first world cup, which will be played in England next June. Eight teams from England, India, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, Ceylon and East Africa, will compete for "Prudential Cup" between June 7 and June 21, the date of the final at Lord's.

The amount of sponsorship was not immediately disclosed, but it is understood to be over £100,000. A Lord's statement said that the object of covering the cost involved in staging the matches, bringing teams from all parts of the world and looking after them in this country, is now certain to be achieved.

All gate takings should now be profit, which will be distributed among the member countries of the International Cricket Conference (ICC), bringing financial benefit to the game throughout the world. The assurance company has been active in cricket sponsorship since 1972 when they introduced the Prudential Trophy matches, one-day games played against England's Test opponents at the conclusion of each series.

Mr Jack Bailey, secretary of MCC, who is also secretary of the ICC, said last night: "I am sure

## Robins team say they are against apartheid too

Bridgetown, Oct 17.—The Derrick Robins cricket team, banned from Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana for their sporting contacts with South Africa, arrived here last night hoping their Caribbean tour may go on as originally planned.

The team manager, Leslie Ames, told an airport press conference they were disappointed by the action of the two governments, but he hoped to be able to explain through diplomatic channels that the team also opposed apartheid.

In the five days that the 15-man mixed team will be here for match practice, Mr Ames will be trying to put over the word that Derrick Robins and his team are striving to break down racial barriers in South Africa. "We are certainly disappointed by the action of the two governments. We cannot understand it," Mr Ames declared.

Asked if he did not think his method of contact with South

## Greig denies that he criticised MCC selection

Lord's yesterday accepted Tony Greig's explanation that he knew nothing of an article in the Melbourne Herald in which he was alleged to have criticised the selection of the MCC party to tour Australia and New Zealand this winter.

Greig, the Sussex all-rounder and a member of the party which flies out to Australia on Monday, discussed the article with members of the Test and County Cricket Board at Lord's on Monday and yesterday they issued a statement supporting Greig's denial.

BBC radio listeners will hear daily Test match commentary from the tour. It will be on the air on Radio 2 from 7.30 am each day of the first three Tests and 5.30 am each day for the remaining three Tests. The series starts on November 20. There will also be a day of play reports on Radio 2 at 9.02 am for the first test, 10.02 am for the second test and 8.02 am for the remaining four matches.

**Today's fixtures**  
THIRD DIVISION: Colchester United v Southend United (7.30); Cambridge United v Exeter City (7.30); Newport County v Northampton (7.30); Swindon v Rochdale (7.30); RUGBY UNION: Wigan v St. Luke's College (5.15); GREENS DIVISION: Whitehaven v Oldham (7.30).

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# India to examine insurances from S Africa

New Delhi, Oct 17.—The All India Tennis Association, which has refused to play South Africa in the Davis Cup final, said today it is examining South African insurances that they will not be racial segregation in sport.

Mr Khanna, the secretary of the association, said he had referred a cable to the president of the South African Lawn Tennis Association requesting India to give their decision in the light of the assurances by the South African government. "We are examining these assurances. That's all I can say at present," Mr Khanna said.

India entered the Davis Cup league round after defeating the United States. South Africa decided to reach the final. The International Lawn Tennis Federation (ILTF) have given India until October 31 to give their final decision.—UPI.

# Connors to play in final stages of Dewar Cup

James Connors, the Wimbledon and United States champion, has entered for the final stages of the Dewar Cup indoor tennis series.

Connors was not expected to play because of his November wedding date with Christine Evert, but this has been postponed.

Connors will play in the first round of the final at Billingham, Teesside, in an event which also includes Tom Okker (the Dewar Cup holder), Ilie Nastase, Tom Gorman and Arthur Ashe. Also among the early entrants in the young Argentine, Guillermo Vilas, who had led the grand prix points table for most of the year, until just recently when he has slipped into second place, behind Connors.

The early rounds at Billingham will be played on November 11 to 13 before the final moves to the Albert Hall, London, from November 13 to 16.

# Few events going well but rags arise at Wembley

Rex Bellamy Correspondent

Wash Rackets in any sport usually a few years to establish their status and, consequently, their stability. It is superficially, at least, superficially, the new inter-club squash competition for mixed sex teams, sponsored by the British Club Whisky, has already had an entry of 105 clubs from Scotland, the F.C. Country and the Home Counties.

This year will slightly in-fidelity but some allowance is made for postal delays. The response has been tremendous. Major A. E. Millman, who has been well pleased. But the real reason for the promise of instant success is the fact that its imaginative yet practicable format followed. Each team must consist of three men and two women so that roughly corresponds to the estimated numbers of men and women playing the game remain. That the competition simulates against the few professionals who would like to play is unfortunate: a conventional date dating from the days of distinctions between amateurs and professionals were valid. But this oddity need become a permanent feature of a sport that has otherwise been rather new competition in its season, after a successful year last April, is the network of squash festivals sponsored by the Whisky & Law. These festivals feature two events: one for amateurs who have represented their clubs and another for those who are not. The scheme will support an area of competition by exploring by the established "Lager" tournament.

In terms of new clubs, as distinct from new competitions, there will be widespread satisfaction in the immediate and general location of the indoor club which provides facilities for championships and other big events. The six-court Brandon Hall club, to be opened next Tuesday, has been built around an hotel (with all the creature comforts that proximity suggests) conveniently close to Coventry, Birmingham, the M1 and two airports. The first important event to be played there on December 23 will be the second in a series of three men's amateur international matches between Britain and Pakistan.

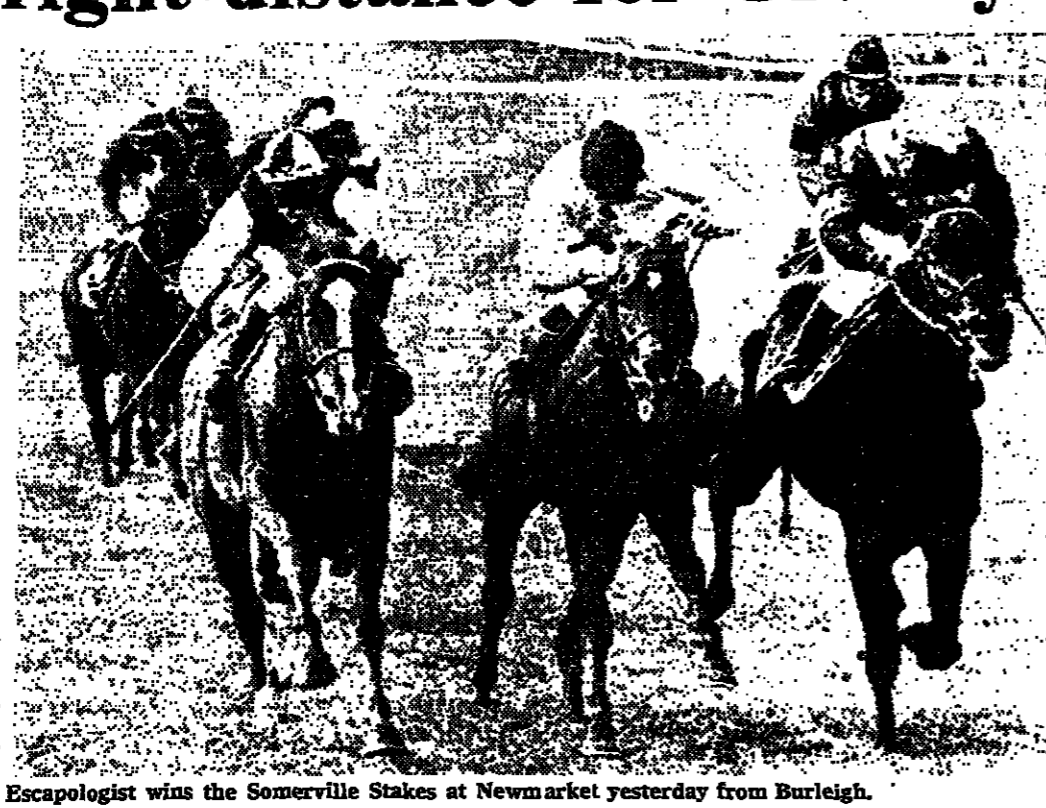
All this good news is offset by a somewhat sour after-taste to the exciting opening of a 15-court national indoor club, the Wembley Stadium Limited. One of the centre's most appealing features was its avowed policy of keeping courts open to the public at large seven days a week. But it turns out that, because of yearly contracts guaranteeing permanent block bookings to the employees of various businesses, it is unreasonably difficult for individual enthusiasts to book a court on any evening from Monday to Friday.

This means that for five evenings a week Wembley is, to a great extent, a private rendezvous for a series of separate clubs. This pattern is familiar and to some extent inevitable. Wembley's owners are a commercial company who cannot be criticized for ensuring that the venue will have a reasonably fixed income. It is reasonable, too, that education authorities should be allowed permanent bookings earlier in the day. But it certainly can be argued that a national squash centre dominated by block bookings at peak hours is precluding to be something it is not.

SPORT Racing

Just the right distance for Grundy

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent. The Dewhurst Stakes run at Newmarket today, and sponsored once again by the William Hill organization, ought to reveal the winner favourably for next year's 2,000 Guineas. At present the field appears to rest between Grundy, arguably the best two-year-old colt in training in England, and Steel Heart, his counterpart in Ireland.



Escapologist wins the Somerville Stakes at Newmarket yesterday from Bureleigh.

Two races in this country have thrust Steel Heart into prominence. First, he won the Gimcrack Stakes at York and then the Middle Park Stakes in his tally. After that triumph his owner, Ravi Tikoo, announced that Steel Heart would return from Ireland to be trained by Dermot Weld, to try to establish overall superiority by beating Grundy this afternoon.

Whip it quick in the Coventry Stakes. He may have had the best of runs that day and he is unquestionably a better horse now than he was then, but at the same time it is hard to find a flaw in Grundy's form.

His first race at Ascot in July also shows well under scrutiny. No Alamy and American, the two colts that beat here, have both won since then and won well. At Doncaster, Grundy proved that he is blessed with a blend of speed and stamina which could well be Steel Heart's undoing when today's race comes to the boil in the last quarter of a mile.

Watching the Middle Park Stakes, I thought that Steel Heart was going to canter home racing down the hill towards the dip. But in the end he was all out to hold Royal Manx, who is reported to be inferior to Steel Heart at home.

At Doncaster, Eddery rode Grundy in a most confident way, biding his time, waiting for the right moment to accelerate past Whip It Quick, who had won the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, and then to beat Royal Manx.

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Trivial race that could be the most important this season to Eddery

By Brough Scott. The Newmarket Challenge Cup, a race confined to horses owned by members of the Jockey Club or of their subscription rooms, has long been considered an amusing regency-style amuse-bouche, particularly if you are a "challenger".

But this year there were three runners and to Patrick Eddery who won it on Louis Freedman's Great Guns, it could have been the most important race of the year.

For Mrs. John Benson's side in the nursery, the little Welsh man came beating in after this third victory and said: "What about that? How far away is the spring?"

Dahlia rated at 10st 4lb in Handicap Libre

From Pierre Guillot. French Racing Correspondent. Paris, Oct 17.

In the opinion of the official handicapper, Dahlia has deteriorated 4lb in comparison with Alex France during the past 12 months. The handicapper has used the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe as the basis for his ratings, placing Alex France on 10st 12lb, and leaving her 2lb ahead of Margouillat.

A 36,000 guineas secret at the sales

The strange secrecy which surrounded the sale of a black and white underling when agent George Blackwell made the second highest purchase of the day during the evening session at the third stage of the Houghton yearling sales at Park Paddocks, Newmarket, yesterday, only to state explicitly "I never tell anyone who I buy for."

Mr Blackwell's bid of 36,000 guineas for a full brother to the top class 1972 French-trained three-year-old Marisela, who ran second to Waterloo in the Newmarket 1,000 Guineas, his purchase was a Sheshoon colt out of the Grey Sovereign mare, West Shaw, who has bred three other winners.

The day's final aggregate was done by 400,000 guineas, and the average showed a drop of more than 30 per cent on the corresponding day of the previous year. The two sales a combined total of 107 lots brought 553,630 guineas, averaging 5,174 guineas.

There are 43 horses rated at 9st 12lb and above in the Handicap Libre 1974, to be run over a mile and a half at the final Longchamp meeting on October 27. They are:

Newmarket programme

Table listing race programmes for Newmarket, including 2.10 BOSCAWEN PLATE (2-y-o; £1,025; 1m), 2.30 FAKENHURP HANDICAP (£1,266; 1 1/4m), 2.40 TATTERSALL HANDICAP (2-y-o; £1,486; 7f), 3.35 DEWHURST STAKES (2-y-o; £26,271; 7f), 4.5 CHALLENGE STAKES (£3,377; 6f), 4.35 BOADICEA STAKES (3-y-o fillies; £1,177; 1 1/4m).

Haydock Park results

Table listing race results for Haydock Park, including 2.35 SYCAMORE STAKES (2-y-o; £2,000; 7f), 2.45 ALDER HANDICAP (2-y-o; £2,828; 2m 2yds), 3.30 ZETLAND STAKES (2-y-o; £321; 7f), 4.30 BRETTANY HANDICAP (£443; 1m 5f 10yds), 4.30 NORTH RIDING PLATE (2-y-o fillies; £207; 5f).

Catterick Bridge programme

Table listing race programmes for Catterick Bridge, including 2.0 CRAVEN PLATE (Apprentices; £207; 1 1/4m 40yds), 2.30 HORNY CASTLE HANDICAP (£276; 1m 3f 40yds), 3.0 MOULTON HANDICAP (2-y-o; £531; 7f), 4.0 BRETTANY HANDICAP (£443; 1m 5f 10yds), 4.30 NORTH RIDING PLATE (2-y-o fillies; £207; 5f).

Market Rasen NH programme

Table listing race programmes for Market Rasen NH, including 2.15 HOLTON HURDLE (Novices; £170; 2m), 2.45 LISINGTON CHASE (Novices; £340; 2m), 3.15 KILVINGTON HURDLE (Handicap; £510; 2 1/2m), 4.00 BRIDGE HANDICAP (2-y-o; £1,175; 6f), 4.30 FORTHAM HANDICAP (2-y-o; £1,175; 6f), 4.45 PARK PADDOCKS HANDICAP (2-y-o; £1,175; 6f).

Boxing

Indian with a feather or two in his cap. By Neil Allen. Boxing Correspondent. On May 27, in Paris, British professional boxing had one of its most successful nights. The young Mexican, Miguel Indignaco, won the European middleweight title and John Stracey the European welterweight championship. Yesterday we met their next opponents for the Albert Hall promotion on October 23.

Baseball

Oakland take 3-1 lead in world series. Oakland, Oct 16.—Oakland Athletics moved within one game of their third consecutive world championship tonight with a 5-2 victory over Los Angeles Dodgers. Oakland lead the best-of-seven series 3-1.

Motor racing

Three formula one events for Britain next season. By John Blunsden. The Federation Internationale Automobile, the world governing body for motor sport, have confirmed the dates for the 15 races in which will qualify for the 1975 world championship for drivers and Formula One constructors.

Rugby Union

Champions pick newcomers to face Somerset. Stuart Dix, of Gloucester, a promising young wing and Kings-ton, a scrum half, will make their first appearance for Gloucestershire in the championship opener, a match against Somerset at Kings-ton, Gloucester, on October 26. It will be Dix's first championship game but Kings-ton, also from the Gloucester club, played for North Midlands last season.

For the Record

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PARLIAMENT, October 17 Steps towards European government approved

European Parliament Strasbourg Parliament voted on a motion debated yesterday (Wednesday) on important steps to be taken towards European union. It was agreed that European union should comprise a political decision-making centre destined to form the European government.

Portugal and EC move closer already

SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, Minister for external relations, said he hoped the changes which were being made in Portugal would be long lead-free elections and the consolidation of human rights and democratic freedoms.

Coordination of direct life assurance law

The Legal Affairs Committee presented a motion on plans by the Commission for a first directive which would harmonize national laws and administrative provisions on the taking up and pursuit of the business of direct life assurance.

Trades proposed for help developing countries

Parliament approved a motion on the committee on development and cooperation on proposals on grant of generalized tariff preferences for 1975 on products coming from developing countries.

New lease of life for thousands geese in eastern Europe like grass in the doldrums

Against the entrepreneurs, when the inhabitants of Kiskunfelegyhaza took to the streets to air their grievances. This blow was followed by others. Several producers have been arrested for alleged tax evasion, involving in some instances several hundred thousand forints.

Residential Property Inverted and made of glass

So-called contemporary architecture comes in many forms; presumably even neo-Georgian could be included as a popular contemporary style. A more specific use of the word would be to describe something that breaks away from traditional concepts and even house-building materials, but these are much more rarely met.

To go from one extreme to another, Salmons House, at Penhurst, Kent, is thought to have originated in the fourteenth century, built, perhaps, about the same time as the Great Hall of Penhurst Place.

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Queen's Bench Division

Auction sale knock-out agreement enforceable

Harrop v Thompson
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Mr Paul Foot: Why I printed blackmail names

Regina v Socialist Worker Publishers & Printers Ltd and Another, Ex parte Attorney General

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Milmo and Mr Justice Ackner
The Attorney General is not asking for Mr Paul Foot to be sent to prison for contempt for publishing the names of witnesses who the judge directed should be referred to by initials during the trial.

Summarizing his submission Mr Silk said that judges had inherent power to control proceedings in the name of witnesses in the way in which it had been exercised in the present case. However, the judge's order was a judicial notice of the fact that it was a long-standing practice for the power to be exercised in such a way as to protect the identity of persons outside the court, whether the press or public, to do or not to do as they might desire.

The court's inherent power, the Attorney submitted, was not so confined that it could not come to the aid of public policy in the form of the due administration of justice. Mr Silk read to the court and commented on an affidavit by Mr Foot, then acting editor of the Socialist Worker. He said that at the time of writing the article, which was published on April 13, he had not attended either of the trials of Miss Jones.

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said that the Crown having made the application, the burden was on the Crown to establish all the ingredients of contempt. The particular circumstances of the publication were not such as to be calculated to deter witnesses in future cases since Mr Foot was saying that the rule was wrong because it afforded the wrong people protection. The principle would be established by the present case and future witnesses would not be led to say that the system they were likely to be publicized in the same way. Further, the history of Mr Y and Mr Z was such as was likely to attract attention and the ordinary person would not be so liable.

Mr Gordon Slynn, QC, replying in the Attorney's absence, said that he did not accept that because Mr Foot did it and criticized the system they were likely to be publicized in the same way. Further, the history of Mr Y and Mr Z was such as was likely to attract attention and the ordinary person would not be so liable.

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Mr Slynn added that, whereas in camera trials the public could not see what was being done, they could do so in cases when only the witnesses were anonymous. Even in civil cases from time to time a judge permitted a witness to write down part of his evidence if it involved disclosing a formula or profits.

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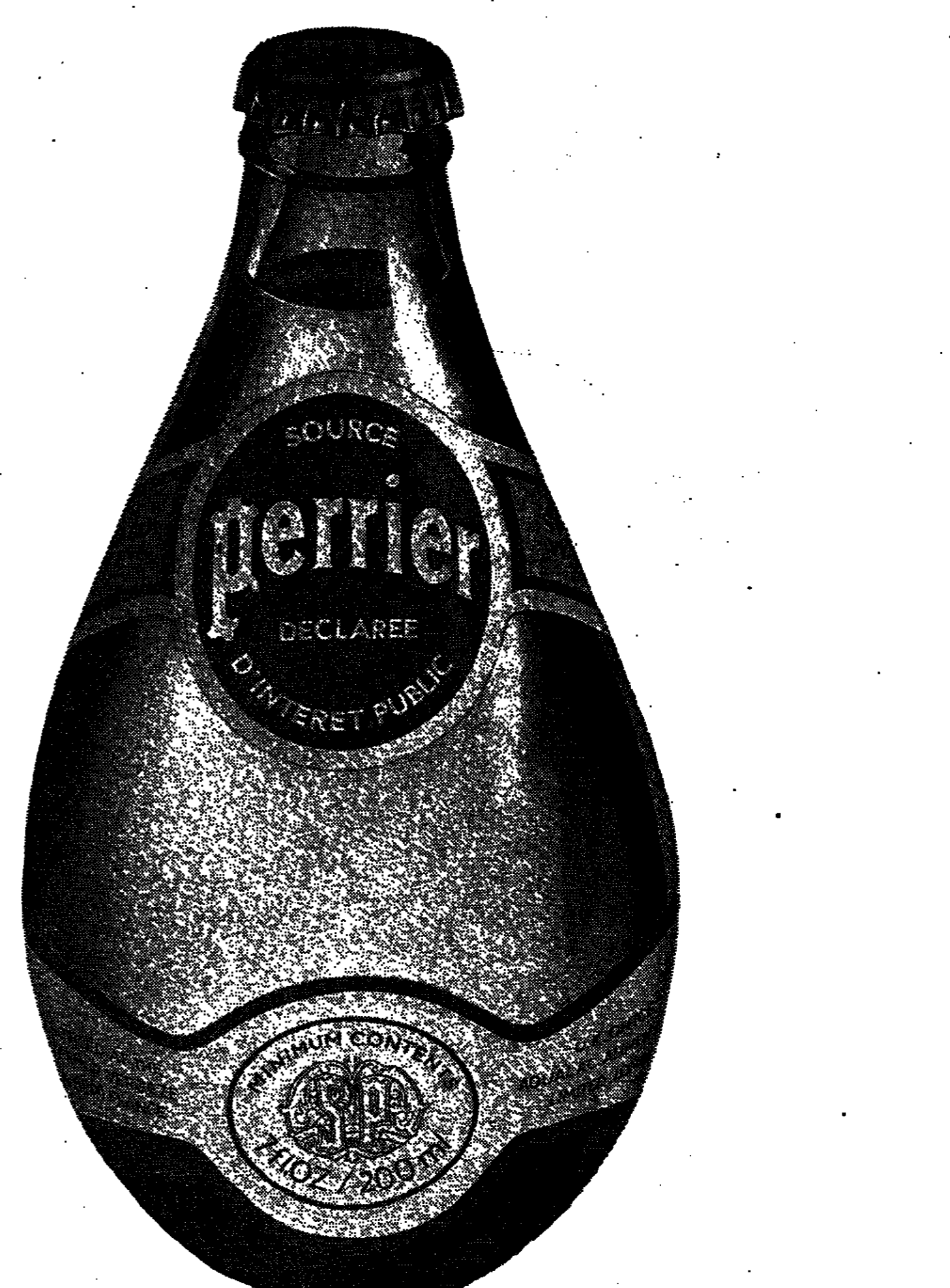
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# Why going back to the land is the only hope for the Third World

Thirteen months ago in a speech at the United Nations General Assembly, the American Secretary of State, Dr Henry Kissinger, called for a World Food Conference. It will begin under United Nations auspices on November 5 in Rome. Even 13 months ago when Dr Kissinger made his speech, the world food situation looked grim. Now, following the harvest reports that have been coming in during the past two months, the situation we were often so confidently told could never happen is now likely to be a worldwide famine that will kill millions of people and seriously reduce the precarious standard of living of hundreds of millions of others.

Quite rightly, the World Food Conference will be concentrating on how to avert immediate catastrophe, but it is just as important that delegates look beyond the present to the long term problems. For the crisis in food production is but one indication that something is going seriously wrong in the Third World. Once we begin to dismantle the engine of economic development, we find at least four other major faults.

These are the fast upward climb in migration, unemployment, and slum creation, together with an increasing maldistribution of income.

In the 50 years between 1920 and 1973 the number of persons engaged in agriculture in the developing world rose from approximately 240,000,000 to 450,000,000. In the same space of time the acreage of agricultural land increased by only a quarter.

It is not surprising then, given the low level of technical expertise in the countryside and the increasing awareness of people who have flocked from their villages to the cities.

Even when there is opportunity in the countryside, young men often find the town more appealing. There they can earn more in a job than at home. As a result the urban population of the Third World rose at an annual rate of 4 per cent between 1920 and 1960—twice the rate in the developed countries during their time of development. In Europe in the 1950s, when 15 per cent of the population lived in towns, urbanisation increased 1.2 per cent. In the developing countries at around the same stage of development—the 1950s—the rate was 2.6 per cent.

A frighteningly high proportion of these immigrants end up in the towns without a job, and often without a roof. The number of unemployed in townships with a population of 20,000 or more has grown dramatically. In 1950 it was 8,000,000, in 1960 13,000,000, in 1970 24,000,000. Unemployment in the urban areas of Africa averages 27 per cent; in

the Philippines 13 per cent; in Bogotá, Colombia 11 per cent.

Underemployment is even worse. In a developed economy an expanding tertiary sector is a sign of progress—services are the harvest of economic achievement. Quite the reverse in Latin America, Asia and Africa—services are parasites drawing odd coins from wealthier pockets that pass by. Shoe shine boys, sellers of ticky tacky, messengers, cigarette vendors, tourist touts, porters, etc—all eke out a living contributing only marginally to economic development. The proportion of the non-agricultural labour force engaged in services in Latin American countries is between 60 and 70 per cent; in Europe it is between 40 and 50 per cent.

What is most disturbing about these Third World unemployment figures is that they illustrate the plight of the young. Men at an age when they are at the most ambitious, most yearning, even most idealistic, period of their lives are subject to the humiliation of having failed. Nothing is more likely to sow the seeds of strife and discontent.

But the danger of Third World unemployment is that it is a disease that conventional economic growth probably cannot cure. It is too pathological, too far gone, for the urban-industrial treatment to have any effect.

In an attempt to show just how impossible the situation is, a recent Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has calculated that on average in the developing countries the manufacturing sector employs 20 per cent of the labour force and the unemployment rate and underemployment rate together average 25 per cent. The increase in labour productivity is assumed to be 2.5 per cent a year, the rate achieved between 1955 and 1968.

In order to absorb an increase in the labour force growing at 3 per cent a year (it is in fact growing at 4 per cent), industrial production would have to increase at the phenomenal rate of 18 per cent a year (even record-breaking Brazil has only achieved 15 per cent). To eradicate within a decade the existing rural and urban unemployment and underemployment it would have to increase by 30-35 per cent a year. The report not surprisingly concludes "Thus eradication of general underemployment through the development of industrial employment is a practical impossibility in the medium term". And in an ominous footnote we are told "in some African countries manufacturing employment seems to have been falling".

And so the favelas, callampas, barriadas and bidonvilles will continue to proliferate. Already in Calcutta the number of people living in one room is

79 per cent of the population. Large numbers live on the pavement. In Caracas 30 per cent of the population live in shanty towns; in Lima 20 per cent; in Buenos Aires 10 per cent.

Sanitation and sewerage systems cannot cope. Djakarta has a population of nearly 5,000,000, but it has no sewerage, no safe running water and few transport services. In Brazil less than half of the municipalities have reliable water supplies. Only a third have sewerage systems. In 1971 only 38 per cent of Latin American towns had sewerage services. Even that was up from 28 per cent in 1961.

But not only is it difficult to give this new proletariat a job and a roof, it is becoming increasingly difficult, even in the high growth economies, to stop their incomes declining—at least relatively, and in some cases absolutely.

Mexico has been regarded as one of the development successes—its GNP has risen by 6 or 7 per cent annually for the past 15 years. Government policy has had a hefty bias towards the urban sector and large farms. Yet unemployment has been on the up and income disparities have worsened.

Brazil, with its population of close on 100,000,000, now has a larger national economy than any other western hemisphere country, bar the United States and Canada. No other developing country comes near to imitating its successful growth rate—it is now running at over 10 per cent a year. The down town areas of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro give a visual impression of being wealthier and more developed than any European city and indeed more than any North American city, save perhaps New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Yet for all its glitter and glory the average per capita income of this massive giant is a mere \$600, making it one of the poorer Latin American countries, and the evidence appears to suggest that during this time of high growth, income distribution has dramatically worsened.

The richest 10 per cent of the population appropriated almost three-quarters of the gain in income between 1960 and 1970; the poorest 50 per cent took less than a tenth. Those with university education experienced a rise in income of 52 per cent, while the half of the population with some primary education had an income increase of only 14 per cent. The Minister of Finance has admitted that in the early years of this surge of growth "it is probable that between 1964 and 1967 the (wage) formula provoked a certain compression of real wages". And the World Bank has found that "the share of the net income received by the poorest 40 per cent declined from 10 per cent in 1960 to 8 per cent in 1970".

All the evidence suggests that the escape route from poverty that leads through the city and the industrial sector is fraught with many more difficulties than was thought likely when newly independent countries started on this path a decade or two ago. It is deeply ironic that both the major schools of economic thought—capitalist and socialist—preached similar false solutions. Many socialists argued that real independence was impossible without a strong industrial base and the west often argued that a developing industrial sector was the most effective way of attracting outside capital.

The Third World countries are now landed with the results of this mistaken advice—chronic food shortages, a demoralized countryside, a fast expanding urban slum population, and a growing inequality of income.

Some developing countries have only one or two of these problems; some have them all. But the world over, there is a growing awareness that all is not well and that the time has come to look for an alternative development strategy.

Increasingly it is being said at the highest levels of the development establishment—the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Bank and the universities, that the Chinese have shown the way. They have given priority to people in the countryside, they have discouraged migration and rapid urbanization, and by and large they have kept everyone adequately fed. And they have done this at a time when population pressures are much more severe than they were in Japan, the other great success story, at the time when it was developing.

Yet most of those I spoke to were careful to point out that it would be difficult to impose a Chinese political system into another culture. "Can one imagine the Italians adopting the British political system?" said one expert, "much less the Indians adopting the Chinese?"

It should also be remembered that our information on China is incomplete. We do not know what price in terms of human suffering and loss of individual freedom has been paid by the Chinese people for their economic and social success.

But with these reservations, the situation is clear—a way must be found of turning the priorities of the developing countries in the direction of the countryside. For that is where the roof of all these problems is to be found. Maybe the model is China or Taiwan or Tanzania—all three have successful rural development records. But first must come the will.

Jonathan Power



## Fact and fashionable fiction

Eighteen months ago a group of people all under 30, with very different skills and backgrounds—border guard in Israel, anaesthetic technician, and stage manager—rented a house off London's Portobello Road. All had worked for an underground paper and wanted to produce an English equivalent to the *Last Whole Earth Catalog*, the American underground mail order catalogue of ideas and tools for people wanting to get away from high technology and the city life.

The result, after many months of false starts, trials, discussions and disagreements is the *Index of Possibilities: Energy and Power*, the first volume of what they plan to be at least a three-part encyclopedia. It is a large, fat paperback (although there are some hardback copies), something of a cross between *Rose's* and *Warner's* the *Scientific American* and an underground magazine.

It is full of extraordinary art work in black and white, cartoons, photographs, old prints and diagrams. It has been produced entirely by nine coauthors and a couple of their friends, who between them researched, wrote, designed and typeset the book. The catalogue, as the group calls itself, have now also designed and printed their own posters and leaflets for the advertising campaign.

The index started out as a list of reviews of books and publications on all aspects of energy and power. As they worked at a huge round chipboard table that fills most of the main room, the writers found that they wanted to include more of their own ideas and research, and less reviews of other people's work. So the nature and title of the book changed, until it became a series of short, readable essays and entries on topics that

interested them. "We wanted to demystify science," explains John May, ex-editor of *Friends*. "Because we were not exactly producing an encyclopedia we didn't have to be certain to include everything."

The book is divided into eight sections—Universe, Earth, Mind and so on—and since the writers decided against using contributors because so much had to be discussed as it was being written, they rely heavily on quotations and extracts from other people, newspapers, magazine articles, textbooks, standard history books. "We make a few bold assertions of our own," says John May. "In the way textbooks can't. But we also felt that we might be badly attacked by experts so we have held back on our opinions and tended to back it all up with already published and accepted material." He says that writing the book was an education for all the collaborators, none of

whom are science specialists. "We wanted to broaden our horizons from the sort of thing that can be covered in a magazine. Some of us knew nothing about the subject at all, our thought that if we can learn about it and understand it we can explain it to others."

The authors believe that there are many people interested in this kind of information, who cannot find what they want in conventional science books; they give a lot of space to fringe science topics, and hope the book will be used by students as an alternative to the usual textbooks.

Although they may be taking themselves rather too seriously, since the content of the book is fashionable and superficial mixture of fact, fiction and odd ideas (for instance they strongly infer that the Vietnam War was principally about oil supplies). What can be said in its favour is that it may arouse an interest in people who would not otherwise tackle the topics at all.

The team has now moved on to a second volume, giving a similar sort of cross disciplinary treatment to structures and systems—everything from architects and animal building to social and mental structures. They say they have held back from approaching people they would like to interview for the first book because they felt they had nothing to show for their ideas. If it goes down well they will do more talking and rely more on their own judgments in future.

Booksellers in Britain and Australia have already ordered the index, and a version specially edited for America is in preparation. The *Last Whole Earth Catalog* was extremely successful in America, so it is possible that the last couple of years of austerity and all night working sessions in the house off Portobello Road may pay off.

Caroline Moorehead



## Your right to a receipt

Shopping recently in a large store I was spellbound by the dexterity of the girl on the till. In consequence I was unable to work out what relation the figures she was ringing up bore to the items I was purchasing. I paid her £4.04, but was so confused that I decided before leaving to add them up myself and, naturally, got a completely different total. If only they had given me a receipt, I thought, I would have had no difficulty in checking and, well, along to have a moan with the supervisor. She quickly demonstrated that I had omitted to include one item and the total in fact was £3.04. But there was still a discrepancy of exactly £1, I protested.

"We can soon check that," said the supervisor brightly, "Come over to the till and we can look at the till roll." As luck would have it, the machine had gone wrong, and Rozze had

not been registering on the till roll. In fact I heard nothing more from the store which was not surprising as the supervisor told me that she was going on holiday.

Was the store within its rights in not issuing a receipt? In one old case it was declared that anyone paying a debt was not entitled to insist on having a receipt. The right to demand a receipt was given by the Stamp Act, 1891. This made a creditor who refused to give a stamped receipt for any sum over £5 subject to a fine. However, in 1971 the stamp duty of 2d on receipts was abolished and, with its abolition it seems, went our right to demand a receipt.

In practice very few traders would risk losing a purchase by refusal to give a receipt when one is demanded and most automatic tills print out an itemised bill as a matter of routine. But should not every customer today be entitled as a matter of law to have a receipt for his money?

Admittedly, when we pay by cheque, a receipt is not essential. The signature of the payee on the back is evidence that he has received the amount. Since the Cheques Act, 1957, even without his signature on the back, a paid cheque returned by your bank can be produced in court as evidence that he received the money.

While a receipt is evidence of payment, it is not absolutely conclusive. For example, where a receipt has been given in error, or where a computerized accounting system has gone haywire and credited sums to the wrong account, a judge would accept an explanation from someone in charge that a mistake had been made and that the account was still outstanding. Similarly, where a receipt has been lost, a court can accept that payment has been made if the person paying is prepared to declare this path, or some other witness who knows the facts can confirm it.

How long should receipts or cheques be kept? Most judges take a dim view of creditors who forget about debts for two or three years and then suddenly wake up and issue a summons. In practice, few of us keep receipts for any great length of time, but in theory we should keep them for six years. After that they are dead, and cannot be used on. If the debtor has made part payment, the six-year period starts from the last payment. Similarly, an old debt can be revived by a letter promising to pay, because the six-year period will then run from the date of the letter acknowledging it.

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The Queen's new equerry, Major Robin Broke, aged 28, of the Royal Horse Artillery, outside Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Carrara marble sale at £6,825 comes as a surprise at Christie's

By Our Sale Room Correspondent A massive Carrara marble sculpture...

was far beyond the auctioneer's estimate. Indications of Middle East taste...

price of the sale, a Dutch canal scene by Johann Hendrik Ploos...

Consumer safeguard worries Sotheby's

By Peter Stratford and Geraldine Norman Consumer legislation in New York...

surrounding reserves protects the seller from collapse bidding. Parkes comments that his objections...

Under the new regulations, if a reserve price is set, the fact must be mentioned in print and a telephone hearing is to be held...

University news

Oxford A James Mew scholarship in Arabic has been awarded to Miss Julia Mew...

Cambridge Election B. W. Napier, MA, research fellow...

Birmingham Appointments The personal title of professor of neurocommunications has been conferred...

Service dinners

HMS Seahawk Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Controller of the Navy...

HQ RAF Germany Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson were among the guests at a ladies'...

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, October 18, 1949 Power for Australia...

From Our Own Correspondent Canberra, Oct 17.—Passing a button...

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OBITUARY PROF ROLAND AUSTIN Work for Latin studies

L.A.M. writes: I hope you will permit me to add a few points to your obituary notice of Roland Austin...

MR KRISHNA MENON

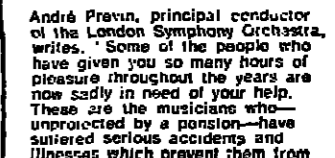
Professor David V. Glass and Mrs Ruth Glass write: Krishna Menon's many friends will be glad to see...

REAR ADMIRAL DENHAM MAURICE TURNER BEDFORD

was appointed an ADC to the King in 1938, died on Thursday. He retired in that year but...

ANDRE PREVIN

Andre Previn, principal conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, writes: 'Some of the people who have given you so many hours of pleasure...



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Lord Shinwell's birthday: Lord Shinwell, who celebrates his ninetieth birthday today. He is still an active member of the House of Lords...

Basketmakers' Company

At the election court of the Basketmakers' Company held on Wednesday...

Latest appointments

Dr Bernard Rose, fellow, organist and Informator chieftain...

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS



Mr Healey again rejects high unemployment and hints at 3pc growth

By Melvyn Westlake
In a remarkably conciliatory speech to a City audience last night at the Mansion House Mr Healey, the Chancellor, again rejected the idea of unemployment as a policy for curbing inflation. He appeared to hint at his objective was to have a growth level of about 3 per cent.

to dole out some £900m a year in unemployment pay, redundancy pay and supplementary benefit to keep a million active men and women idle—when the nation needs the goods they can produce. His hint about a 3 per cent growth rate came when he said that provided overall demand—foreign as well as domestic—was prevented from outstripping the growth in Britain's productive capacity (which is roughly about 3 per cent) the Government's ability to control inflation would depend on ensuring that the general level of pay settlements did not rise above that needed to cover increases in the cost of living.

Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, who also spoke, firmly took up the cause of Britain's ailing industrial and commercial companies. In uncompromising language, the Governor said that companies—including those in the public sector—had to make profits. Companies were "not the enemy of the people, entrenched on the other side of no man's land."

Hawker men threaten work-in over 146 closure

Hawker Siddeley was yesterday threatened with a "work in" if it pushed ahead with its plan to shelve the ES146 air bus project as from Monday. Mr John Rowan, divisional organizer of the AUEW covering the company's Hatfield, Hertfordshire, factory, said his members in the design team would continue working on the project "come what may".

Slater Walker injection of cash for insurance company offshoot

By Christopher Wilkins
Slater, Walker Securities is to inject new funds into its insurance company during the next few weeks. This was revealed yesterday when the group made a public affirmation of its "inherent financial strength" in an attempt to halt the share price slide which has followed the Jessel Securities' financial crisis.

The group blamed its share price collapse on "rumours" which "appear to be based upon the fact that Jessel Securities owns a unit trust group and an insurance company and for that reason Slater, Walker Securities may be encountering similar problems". John Plender writes: Shares in Edward Bates, the banking and insurance group which owns Welfare Insurance, plunged to a new low point yesterday as rumours of further trouble in insurance swept the stock market.

Some criticism in the City since an unusually high proportion of its £67m life fund is committed to two property companies. The larger of the two commitments is to an unquoted development group, Aspen Securities, which made an attributable loss of £288,000 in the latest reported financial year.

Herstatt fund may get private banks' aid

The West German Private Banking Association said in Bonn yesterday it was prepared to contribute Dm35m (about £5.8m) to the Dm325m fund to be added to assets due to creditors of the Herstatt Bank. But it said this was conditional on all other suggested contributors complying with the requests as outlined last week by Herr Günter Vogelsang, the independent Herstatt negotiator, in his second proposed Herstatt settlement formula.

American GNP drop confirms recession

Frank Vogel
Washington, Oct 17
The United States is now moving into a deepening recession, and had three consecutive quarters of negative economic growth, while the pace of inflation continued to accelerate, according to provisional Department of Commerce figures published today.

The clear evidence of three straight quarters of declining economic growth. The latest data must come as a severe setback to many senior Administration officials who have long been suggesting that the improvement in the GNP between the first and the second quarters of this year indicated that the trend of real growth was upward.

'Possibility' of insider deals in Dexion bid

By Terry Byland
Formal announcement yesterday by The Stock Exchange Council of its inquiry into deals in Dexion-Comino International shares ahead of last July's bid from the United States suggests that "some of those who dealt may have had advance information". The council's report is a clear indication of its intention to expose any examples of insider trading.

Harland puts last year's losses at £33m

By Anthony Rowley
Harland and Wolff, the Belfast shipbuilding group, whose liabilities are being guaranteed by the Government pending a virtual state takeover, disclosed yesterday that it lost £33m before tax in 1973.

British Airways fears £12m loss

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor
Mr David Nicolson, chairman of the state-owned British Airways Corporation, disclosed yesterday that instead of making a profit in the current financial year of £85m the board now expected to show a £12m loss.

On main trunk routes, higher rises could be justified, but British Airways had submitted that too large increases would affect competitiveness with British Rail and might produce a worse result in traffic and revenue.

The British Airports Authority reported yesterday that provisional figures for September at London area airports showed an all-round decrease. Few national airlines have escaped from the crisis, including the American giants Pan Am and TWA, which are now collaborating on route cut backs in the United States and working with British Airways to reschedule transatlantic business, from which British Caledonian is now withdrawing.

Plessey profits up

Profits at Plessey, the telecommunications and electronics group, rose by 23 per cent, from £4m to £7.9m before tax in the first quarter of this year. Mr Jack Frye, its financial director, said the group "could" be interested in acquiring certain parts of the family-controlled Ferranti group.

ECED study's possibility of oil price cut

Over Vielvoce
Recent high prices for crude oil will depress the world and to the point where by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting States will lower their prices "than face possible discontents over production rises."

Strikes bring Vickers shipyard to standstill

By Our Northern Industrial Correspondent
All production at the Vickers shipyard and associated engineering works at Barrow in Furness will be at a standstill tonight because of two separate pay strikes involving 4,300 workers. The rest of the 7,000-strong manual workforce will be laid off tonight and a further 7,000 face lay-off early next week.

September unit trust sales slump

Unit trust sales in September hit a four-year low. Figures released yesterday by the Association of Unit Trust Managers show that at £11.7m they are the lowest recorded since January, 1971. However, repurchases were also very low at £5.9m, against £8.6m in August, so the net sales figure of £5.8m compares favourably with £3.6m the previous month.

How the markets moved

Table with columns for Rises, Falls, and THE POUND, listing various stocks and their price movements.

On other pages

Table listing various news items and their corresponding page numbers, such as Business appointments, Share prices, and The Edinburgh Investment Trust.

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Five nations sign contract computer network

Roger Berthoud
Paris, Oct 17
An ambitious nine-nation plan to establish a European computer network took an important step forward with the signing of a preliminary contract for design and development of a prototype system at first research centres will be used.

Equities were unsettled

Equities were unsettled. Gilt-edged securities remained quiet. Shares eased 5 points to 52,333. The "effective valuation" rate was 18.6 per cent. Gold gained \$1 at \$155.00. SDR-3 was 1.19446 on Thursday.





THE BANKERS' DINNER

Britain suffering from a hangover of over-indulgence in easy money

The imminence of my autumn Budget makes this year's speech especially difficult—but perhaps less dangerous. For I know you will appreciate that I cannot trespass on areas which might be held to anticipate my Budget Judgment; I am sure the Governor and others will not hesitate to draw my attention to some of the factors of which I must then take account.

Mr Denis Healey Chancellor of the Exchequer

At the time of my March Budget, I announced that on behalf of the Government the clearing banks had arranged an unprecedented 2.5 billion dollar facility to help in financing the oil deficit; my special thanks are due to everyone who was involved in this smooth and efficient transaction. Many are here tonight.

At the heart of the international problem, of course, lies the increase in oil prices. Equally, an obligation that, as a result of this the oil producers will this year earn some 70 billion dollars or so more than they can spend on goods and services from the consumer countries.

The implications of this hard and inescapable fact were at the core of the discussions in the annual meetings of the IMF and IBRD held earlier this month in Washington. At these and other meetings with my international colleagues, I have stressed that adjustments of such a nature as to impose a number of obligations on the international community as a whole; four such obligations seem to me to be crucial.

First, an obligation on the oil consuming nations to live with very substantial payments deficits on oil account for the time being. Second, an obligation on all developed countries to ensure that the massive problems of the less developed are not exacerbated by deficient demand for their products; third, an obligation on those countries which have underlying deficits on their non-oil trade to work towards balance; and fourth, an obligation on surplus countries to enable them to do so.

The second dominant theme in the discussions in Washington was the problem of recycling surplus oil funds. We have to design machinery to ensure that the so-called petrodollars are distributed in such a way that they match the needs of the oil consuming countries who are in deficit.

Any wholly new mechanism takes a long time to establish, so it seems sensible to build on what we already have. It was for this reason that I made my proposal in Washington for a new IMF facility developed in stages as funds accrue to the producers, and as the parallel needs of consumers grow.

recycling problem, but I hope it will make a contribution. It has already received widespread support.

Forty years ago, at a time when the United States faced problems far more formidable than those we face today, its greatest leader of the Twentieth Century said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

What is disturbing is that not only in the United Kingdom, where two months of three-day stoppages produced a substantial fall in output, but in the OECD countries as a whole, real output also fell in the first half of this year. It is now recovering.

But, as the oil producers' petrodollar surplus now builds up, the contraction of world demand caused by their inability to spend their earnings will be added to the contraction in demand already brought about by tighter monetary and fiscal policies among the consumer countries.

Whether in theory such a contraction of world demand will bring the rate of inflation down is therefore scarcely relevant. But what all recent experience has shown is that unemployment at a level which a free society can tolerate is not a cure for inflation.

Excerpts from some of the speeches delivered last night at the Lord Mayor's Banquet by bankers and merchants of the City of London.

Indeed, it is more likely to make inflation worse—not only because it is a demand-side effect, but also because it is liable to lead to higher wage demands as the trade unions seek to provide their members with a cushion against the risk of unemployment.

I would hope we learn that less than three or four years ago. Moreover, I simply cannot understand how it can make economic sense to dole out some £900m a year in unemployment payments, redundancy pay and supplementary benefit to keep a million active men and women idle when the nation needs the goods they could produce as much as they want to produce them.

Providing we contrive to prevent overall demand—foreign as well as domestic—from outstripping the growth in our production capacity, our ability to control inflation will depend on ensuring that the general level of pay settlements does not rise above what is needed to cover increases in the cost of living and no less important, on reducing to the minimum the disruption of production and delivery dates caused by the use of industrial stoppages as an instrument of bargaining.

For both these purposes, if I may quote a most distinguished civil servant who has recently joined your ranks: "A voluntary policy is the only way, even if it takes years to achieve it."

The trade unions are no more prepared to accept a restriction of society. But you would not have thanked me, my Lord Mayor, if I had opened my remarks not by dwelling on the City's great service to the nation, but by listing all the examples I can remember of shortcomings in its ranks and short-cuts as typical of your institutions as a whole.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Canning faced with deteriorating position after bright six months

By David Mott  
A better-than-expected interim result, but a picture of deteriorating profits, liquidity and margins emerges from W. Canning, the Birmingham electrical and mechanical engineers.

But since the half-year stage the group's position has worsened. The directors state that the flow of incoming orders, both from the United Kingdom and abroad, continued at a satisfactory level during the third quarter, but some decline has been noticeable during October.

Margins are likely to continue to deteriorate rather than improve while the system of price control is in operation, and it is unlikely that full-year profits will reach the £1.3m of 1973. In particular, the group pinpoints the continuing increase in the non-recoverable element of wages and expenses as causing concern.

Sales leap at Coates

At the last annual meeting of Coates Brothers, the printing ink group, the chairman stressed the increasing importance of the group's overseas interests and in the half year to June 30 had sales and pre-tax profit of £24,000,000, a rise of 50 per cent from £16.8m. Taxable profits, which were returned at a peak of £6.2m for full year against the previous year's £4.32m, showed a gain of 59.3 per cent from £2.75m to £4.33m.

Tighter margins fail to curb Highland Dist

Although it has been operating on reduced margins, because of increased costs, particularly barley and fuel, Highland Distilleries has again achieved a record result for 1973-74. Taxable profits have advanced from £2,262,000 to £2,680,000, an increase of 18.5 per cent, on sales of £47.3m, against £37.4m.

Earnings a share are down from 10.8p to 10.5p. On net profits down from £1,373m to £1,341m, the board is raising the dividend from 6.71p to 7.03p gross.

F. Lilley looks for a peak

F. J. C. Lilley, the civil engineers and public works contractor, increased its interim profits by 69 per cent to £754,000, and the board is also looking for a record result for the full year.

Wall Street

New York, Oct. 17.—Stocks moved moderately higher early today with selected issues responding to corporate news. At noon the Dow Jones industrial average was 515.18 at 647.45.

NY silver weakens

New York, Oct. 16.—SILVER futures prices fell to 20.50 cents a pound, down from 21.00 cents, after a rise to 21.50 cents on Oct. 15.

Selincourt costs bite

With the exception of its French subsidiary, which made losses, all parts of Selincourt, makers of garments and textiles, traded satisfactorily in the six months to July 31, which included the three-day week.

Francis Industries

The board of Francis Industries will not make a firm forecast for this year, but they are confident that profits will match the £710,000 pre-tax earned in 1973.

Gerrard & National

Gerrard & National Discount came through the two years 1972-1974 in relatively good shape, and for the first half of the current year the group was successful in favourable market conditions.

Investment tax cut needed to help sick stock market

The stock market is very sick and we must appeal for help. Last year I appealed to the Chancellor to reduce the taxes on investment in securities.

Mr George Loveday, Chairman of the Stock Exchange

We had then just had VAT added to 1 per cent stamp duty. We now have duty of 2 per cent, although I must thank Mr Healey for listening to our plea to reduce the back to 1 per cent for the overseas investor.

Mr Gordon Richardson Governor of the Bank of England

market has not been available this has had to come from the banks. I hardly need say there is no question of the banks having failed industry in this respect, nor of their being unable or unwilling to continue lending on a substantial scale.

Hope of continuing recent monetary trends

Inflation—and the complex causes from which it springs—is at the heart of our problems: its disruptive force is, I am sure, greater than, even yet, many realize. You, Mr Chancellor, have emphasized the role of the social contract. It has its evidences, but it is in all our interests that it works as effectively as possible.

The share of profits in the national income has been declining for many years and (excluding stock appreciation) is probably now as low as in the Great Depression of the early 30s. Industry has had to borrow heavily; and since the capital

HIGHLANDS & LOWLANDS PARA RUBBER COMPANY LIMITED 1974 Interim Dividend and Statement. The Board have declared an interim dividend for 1974 of 0.48475p per 10p share payable to members, which with the tax credit totals 0.7251p per 10p share.

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Gerrard & National DISCOUNT COMPANY LIMITED Interim Statement. The Directors have decided to pay an interim dividend of 2.8475p per share (equivalent to 15% gross) on the issued ordinary share capital, which compares with 2.625p per share (equivalent to 15% gross) last year.

Mr Paul Dacey, Chairman of Lloyd's. Mr Paul Dacey, Chairman of Lloyd's, said: "When our efforts in some other forms of commerce are criticized and condemned at home and abroad you have been able to speak of bigger and better achievements on the invisible account."

S. Simpson. Although turnover of S. Simpson (tailors and clothiers) has increased from £10.9m to £12.6m, taxable profits for 1973-74 are nearly halved to £474,000.

Kent-Brown Boveri. In a further letter to shareholders Mr John Vaughan, chairman of George Kent, says the board believes that Brown Boveri's improved terms offer shareholders an outstanding opportunity to invest in the combined strengths of the two companies.

Beef subsidy unfair to poultry, says Eastwood

Shares of J. B. Eastwood, big poultry and egg producer, fell four points to 25p yesterday after Mr John Eastwood, chairman, said first-half profits would be substantially down and that in spite of a revival over the final six months the overall return would still be less than last year's record from pre-war.

Various financial tables and data including stock market indices, exchange rates, and company performance metrics.



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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Nervous mood persists

The stock market had a dis- session yesterday in the e of grim trading news from Lamps, the international trical goods manufacturer, reports that the Confedera of British Industry intends tell the Government that ish industry is "trading at a nancial shares saw a fresh of nervous selling, al- gh many share prices had following a statement Slater Walker Securities, h stressed the group's ig financial position. : the end of the day, the FT x was 2.4 down at 203.6, ng touched 202.5 earlier. At 1.76 the index ended with a loss of 1.17 points. Turn- was lower than on Wednes- although a total of 6,395 ded bargains confirmed the market remains more than the Confederation of British Industry pre- g the General Election. e day opened with some losses among the second- anking issues, as the City ed increasing fears for the me of the Jessel situation. est his were Edward Bates, n to be trying to sell its ance subsidiary, Welfare ance, and Slater Walker ities. ter Walker shares fell to during the morning, but d after a statement from chairman in which he rd out the financial post- of the various sections of roup. Buyers then came in e shares, which ended the nchanged at 53p. ermed seller, E. Bates e shares down to 17p at me, and although the price d to 22p as the sector ehened behind Mr Slater's ent, they ended the day at ner dull spots on the al prices. Included ros Bank 5p off at 80p on Jessel connection, and r Ullmann 3p lower at Discount house issues d lower following results Gerrard & National, finally wn at 205p. the major lending banks ed only minor losses and very little selling. Lloyds ipped 2p to 120p, and ys Bk 3p to 140p. rance shares continued to ground while the City d the outcome of the o solve the problems of

H & L Rubber surges to £4.1m

Back in July, Mr T. B. Barlow, chairman of Highlands & Lowlands Para Rubber, detailing crops harvested for the first half of 1974, gave the news that its natural rubber crop had sold at higher prices so that profits from this sector should be good. In the event, he was that cautious in that estimated taxable profits for the first seven months have been boosted to a group best-ever of £4.1m—a threefold increase from the £1.3m produced in the compar- able period—and easily out- stripping the group's previous full year record of £1.77m estab- lished in 1971. The interim dividend is being raised from equal to 0.58p to 0.72p. Meanwhile the board says the current price of rubber is lower than in the seven-month period but the prices of other crops continue to be satisfactory. The rate of profit improvement has now slowed however and it is not expected the final profit will increase pro rata.

polyester webbings says the main operating company had a very good year with buoyant demand. But there was a loss at the German Autoliv asso- ciate and it is hoped to bring this company to a break-even point by the end of the year.

The company has moved away from sales to the motor indus- try, which have been under pressure, and in the current first quarter 65 per cent of sales from the United Kingdom have been outside the motor trade.

Slump at Stylo

Out of sales improved from £5.5m to £5.7m pre-tax profit of Stylo Shoes slumped from £23,000 to £76,000 in the half to August 3. The profit is struck after interest of £91,500 (£90,000) and bank interest up from £69,000 to £101,000.

Jones, Stroud-Cash

After a poor response to its offer of £1 a share cash for the 64.7 per cent of the equity of J. & J. Cash not already owned, the board of Jones Stroud (Holdings) is now offer- ing 150p a share cash. This offer remains open until

Fair start at Harro Inds

After six months' trading, Harro Industries shows another rise in pre-tax profits, this time from £575,000 to £625,000. This has been achieved on turn- over up from £3,76m to £4.43m. At the net level, profits are down from £316,000 to £300,000. Shareholders will receive a divi- dend of 0.78p, against 0.75p, and the option of making shares in- stead of cash.

Over the whole of last year, taxable profits reached a further peak of £1.21m, against £1.1m

'W' Ribbons up 67 pc

In spite of a loss of £57,000 from associates "W" Ribbons Holdings managed to boost tax- able profits 67 per cent to £430,000 last term. This maker of nylon and

Irwin stops trading

London stockbrokers Irwin & Co will stop trading from Novem- ber 8 as four of its partners join Robert Wigram & Co and three Raphael, Robinson & Glyn. Any outstanding obliga- tions of Irwin will be settled by G. le M. Croll from the com- pany's offices at the Stock Exchange.

Malayalam drops

Profits of Malayalam Planta- tions in the United Kingdom dropped from £305,500 to £78,000 in 1973-74, but net profits in India rose from £3,70m to £3,77m on turnover of

£97.6m, against £92.6m. The dividend is cut from 1.5p to 1.21p.

Best year for Slimma group

A strong second half by Slimma Group, formerly Emu Wool Industries, has helped the group to achieve peak profits and turnover in the year to June 30.

Following a 31 per cent rise from £274,000 to £360,000 in the first half, the second leg went ahead by 38 per cent from £334,000 to £463,000. This pushed the full year's profit at the pre-tax level up from £608,000 to £823,000. Turnover rose from £7.6m to £9.5m and the full year's dividend is raised from 2.62p to 2.74p with a final payment of 1.9p. Profits attrib- utable were £358,000 against £288,000 and earnings a share 8.16p against 6.81p.

Briefly

LUBOK-PARK YORKS Formal document on offer by Lubok sent out. Lubok offering for up to 1.8 million shares at 11.5p cash each. BEN BAILEY CONSTN Dividend for 1973-74 up from 0.69p net to 0.77p net. Turnover is £2.4m (£1.85m). Attributable profits £196,000 (£223,000). Earnings a share, 3.75p (4.26p). EDINBURGH INV Gross revenue for half year, £1.43m (£1.59m). Net asset value, 132p (188p). SCOTTISH MORTGAGE & TRUST Gross revenue for half year, £2.2m (£2.03m). Taxable revenue is £1.72m (£1.54m). Net asset value a share, 64p (126p).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table with columns: Issues & Loans, S STRAIGHTS, and Eurobond prices. Lists various international bonds and their prices.

Table titled 'Latest dividends' showing dividend details for various companies like Montreal, Walker, etc.

Business appointments

Mr Malcolm Macdonald is named as director of Europe treasurer. Mr Ronnie Samson has been named director of Invicta Plastics. Mr F. Nattrass and Mr S. R. Earl have been appointed to the board of 'W' Ribbons Holdings. The following appointments have been made by Garringtons: Mr G. Ontons to be deputy chairman and general manager; Mr B. B. Cartwright to be works director of the Bromsgrove division; Mr D. P. S. MacRae to be works director of the Darlaston division; Mr P. J. Young to be sales director. Mr Dennis Collett has become chairman of London and Manchester Securities. Mr R. Sellers joins the main board of British Vita. Mr J. M. A. Easbury-Williams joins Hingworth & Co, the Man- chester stockbrokers, next month as a partner. Mr J. J. Cummins, Mr A. G. Dewhurst, Mr W. Mc Cormack and Mr T. Tutton will also be joining as associate mem- bers. Mr J. F. Chambers has been ap- pointed director and secretary of Telcoo Metals. Mr Keith Stewart has joined the board of Bankart (Life and Pen- sions). Captain C. T. Pitt has been ap- pointed a director of Bowring Steamship. The following have been appointed directors of C. T. Bowring Computer Services: Mr E. T. Arbuckle, Mr D. Coakley, Mr P. G. Kumble, Mr A. C. Mit- chell and Mr R. Whitley. Mr C. J. Pearce has become managing director of the Berni Innis Group.

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MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

Copper prices at 17-month low

Copper led a general downturn on the London Metal Exchange yesterday with cash bars falling to a 17-month low of £590 (after \$58) a tonne. This position finally showed a loss of £17.50 while three months was £17 down.

LEAD closed £1.50 and £2.25 for cash and three months respectively. ... ZINC closed £1.50 and £2.25 for cash and three months respectively.

Republican's and Ulster's and B's were all priced at £10 a tonne. ... An EEC sugar deficit of 1,750,000 tons forecast.

An EEC sugar deficit of 1,750,000 tons forecast

By John Woodland A huge EEC sugar deficit of about 1,750,000 tons raw value is forecast for 1974-75 by Woodhouse, Drake and Carey in its latest market report.

Mining

Dividend soars at INCO

On the back of a buoyant earnings performance, the International Nickel Company of Canada is raising the dividend total for the year from \$1.20 to \$1.60 a share with a fourth quarterly payment of 35c and an extra dividend of 25c. Last year, the payments were 30c and 15c respectively.

Plessey first quarter results

Table showing Plessey Company's unaudited consolidated results for the first quarter to 30th September 1974. Includes Sales, Profit on Trading, Depreciation, Operating Profit, etc.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar remained weak on foreign exchanges yesterday afternoon following the lifting of the Swiss franc's ban on non-residents' deposits earning interest.

Spot Position of Sterling

Table showing spot position of sterling with columns for Market rates, Bid, Offer, and various bank rates.

Forward Levels

Table showing forward levels for various currencies including New York, London, and other international locations.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Large table listing authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds with columns for High/Low, Bid, Offer, and Yield.

Bank Base Rates

Table listing bank base rates for various banks including Barclays Bank, FNCB, and others.

COMPANY MEETING

W. G. ALLEN & SONS (TIPTON)

The Sixty-fifth Annual General Meeting of W. G. Allen & Sons (Tipton) Limited was held yesterday at Tipton, Staffs. The following are extracts from the circulated statement of the Chairman, John H. Plant, J.P., F.C.A.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Table listing authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds with columns for High/Low, Bid, Offer, and Yield.

Discount market

The Bank of England offset a very large shortage in the discount market yesterday by buying Treasury and municipal authority bills, totalling between £100m and £150m, from discount houses and banks.

Money Market Rates

Table showing money market rates including Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate, Treasury Bills, and other financial instruments.

The Times Share Indices

Table showing share indices for various sectors and companies, including the Times Share Index and other market indicators.

Recent Issues

Table listing recent issues of shares and bonds, including company names, issue sizes, and dates.

COATES BROTHERS & COMPANY LIMITED

AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES INTERIM STATEMENT SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1974. The Board of Directors of Coates Brothers & Company Limited announce the following trading results of the Group for the first half of 1974.

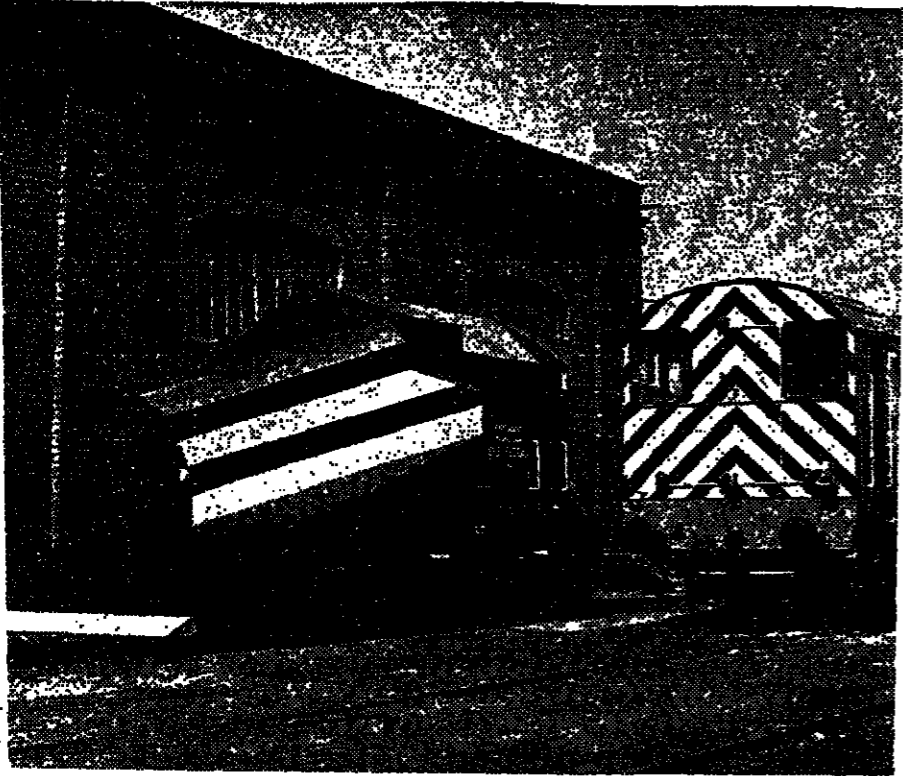
SELINCOURT

Interim Statement

The directors of Selincourt Limited announce the following unaudited profit figures of the Company and its subsidiaries for the six months ended 31st July 1974. 6 months to 31.7.74 (£'000) 16,320

# Thamesdown

a Special Report



nowplough which was built by British Rail Engineering at its Swindon works and a 350hp diesel-electric shunting locomotive after being completely overhauled. Right: the new Brunel shopping centre.

## Edge of change reflects new aims and methods

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the bulk of the 55,000 acres.  
Plenty of land is needed to  
accommodate the steady flow  
of overspill Londoners. The  
total target for inhabitants  
is 200,000 by 1986, perhaps  
more than 300,000 by the end  
of the century.  
In the Thameside parish  
of Inglesham, the population  
has dropped by two to 129  
in the past 70 years. Whether  
it will continue to swim  
against the tide is perhaps  
a task for Thamesdown Com-  
munity Planning Committee.  
This was formed to liaise  
with the old parish councils  
and the new community  
councils for urban areas.  
In a sense, the amalga-  
mation has come too late for  
Swindon. Over many years  
it struggled, partly by extend-  
ing its borders, to attain  
county borough status under  
former local authority rules.  
Sufficient size having been  
achieved, Swindon finds such  
an animal no longer exists.  
Thamesdown is still a second-  
tier authority under Wiltshire  
County Council, along with  
four other district councils.

creation and culture, and  
other services affecting  
residents.  
Thamesdown has the right  
to exercise some important  
extra powers as agent of  
the county council. They  
relate mainly to highways  
and traffic management. Any  
friction may be smoothed by  
their joint use of a computer  
at County Hall in Trow-  
bridge, with terminals in  
Swindon.  
Personal contacts are main-  
tained by district councillors  
attending county council  
meetings as coopted mem-  
bers. Chief executives of all  
six authorities meet monthly.  
Ambition to grow led  
Swindon's leaders to seize  
the opportunity given by the  
1952 Town Development Act.  
They agreed to take popula-  
tion from London in return  
for help in developing hous-  
ing and industrial estates.  
It was a chance to move on  
from too much reliance on  
the railway workshops, which  
had served the town well for  
a century but were destined  
to employ fewer and fewer  
men as the railways con-  
tracted. Swindon had its first

taste of diversification during  
the Second World War, when  
some factories were estab-  
lished there as part of the  
dispersal precautions against  
air raids.  
In 20 years more than 100  
firms took 28,000 new jobs  
to the district. Thamesdown  
continues to cooperate with  
the Greater London Council  
and Wiltshire County Coun-  
cil in this development.  
Most of it has taken place  
east of Swindon, and atten-  
tion has been turned to open-  
ing up green field sites to  
the west. Momentum has  
been maintained by parallel  
improvements in communi-  
cations.  
These include construction  
of two motorways, the M4  
and M5, the opening of the  
Severn Bridge on the route  
to Wales, and the speeding  
up of rail services and re-  
building of Swindon station.  
Consequently, the town  
remained outside the area of  
rigid development controls,  
although it was brought  
nearer in time to London, to  
the industrial Midlands and  
to Southampton.  
Several national firms and

public corporations have  
located warehouses, storage or  
office headquarters in the  
area. One director mentioned  
the availability of private air-  
fields locally as an asset.  
Hence the labour force of  
some 71,000 is fairly evenly  
divided between manufactur-  
ing and construction on one  
hand and services and dis-  
tribution on the other. At  
2.1 per cent at the latest  
count, unemployment is  
below the average for the  
South-west.  
Housing has been provided  
by a mixture of private and  
council building with a good  
deal of flexibility in the help  
the council is prepared to  
give home buyers. Develop-  
ment outside the town has  
been matched by a new shop-  
ping precinct, offices and  
entertainment halls near its  
centre.  
One commentator said last  
year: "The Swindon devel-  
opment threatens to become  
one of the largest town devel-  
opments in Britain, compar-  
able in magnitude with new  
towns grafted on to old ones  
in places like Northampton  
and Peterborough." The word

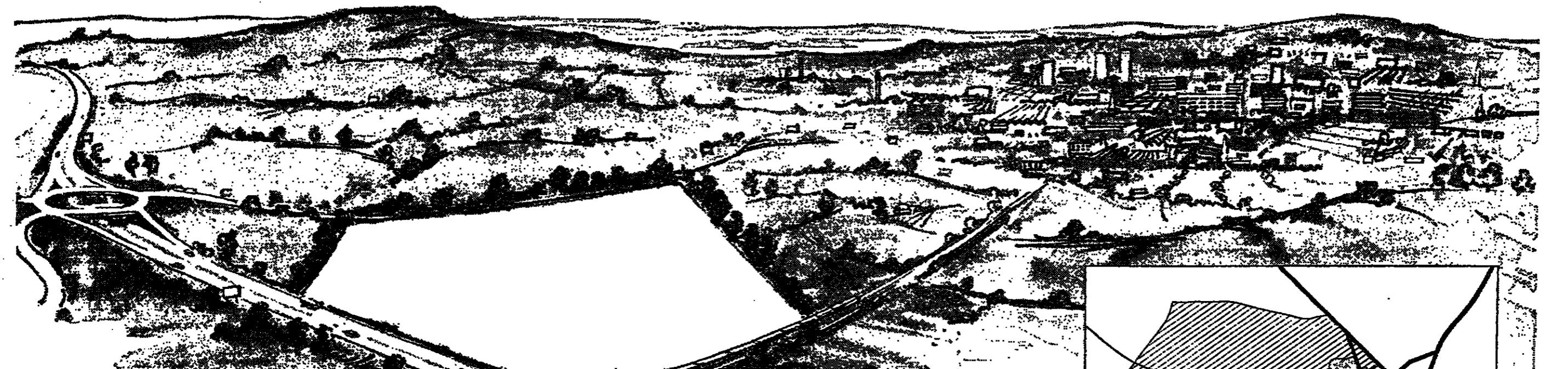
"threatens" may have  
caused a wry smile or two  
in the civic offices of  
Thamesdown, although it  
may do no harm to remind  
planners that the concept  
that bigger means better is  
no longer universally  
accepted.  
Mr David Kent, chief  
executive of the new author-  
ity, is aware of the diffi-  
culties inherent in Thames-  
down's situation. It means  
one council combining the  
management of a large  
borough and the duties  
equivalent to those of a devel-  
opment corporation with a  
current capital five-year  
programme costing more than  
£100m.  
He believes there is a case  
for extra financial resources  
being made available to the  
county and borough in such  
circumstances. He would also  
like to see his council given  
the kind of powers over  
urban development granted  
to the big metropolitan dis-  
tricts under the new arrange-  
ments.  
Thamesdown, it seems, has  
not abandoned the old  
ambition to be independent.

## Demand for space continues as commercial area is renewed

For the visitor the first  
noticeable feature of Swindon  
is that the cranes are still  
flying there. On a clear day,  
you can see 12 of them at  
work on various construction  
sites, 10 in the town itself.  
Mr G. Blythe, Thames-  
down's director of develop-  
ment and housing, said:  
"There has been no real drop  
in people intending to come  
to Swindon."  
He added that the buoy-  
ancy of demand would be  
tested by the council's efforts  
to promote two major sites.  
One is about 13 acres of office  
development on the eastern  
side of the town at Broome  
Manor. A finance house nego-  
tiated to take it, but the deal  
did not go through.  
The other site, covering 80  
acres, is to the west, over-  
looking the M4 at Spittle-  
borough. Mr Blythe said they  
hoped this would attract four  
or five firms offering high-  
class employment in industry  
or offices.  
But to return to our vis-  
itor: as he looks over his  
shoulder after leaving the  
station, he realizes the great  
wall which cuts off the rail-  
way workshops from the town  
is still there—many Swin-  
donsians work "inside". But  
his eye is more likely to be  
caught by the 12-storey slab  
of offices rising over the re-  
built station.  
Proceeding into town he  
encounters more tall build-  
ings, a hotel, offices, and  
police headquarters among  
them, before reaching the  
heart of urban renewal. This  
is the 13-acre Brunel shop-  
ping centre, named after the  
railway pioneer.  
When the last phase is  
finished in 1977 the centre  
will be dominated by a tower  
block of offices and flats.  
This will be called the David  
Murray John Building, to  
commemorate a man who, as  
town clerk for many years,  
became almost as closely  
identified with twentieth-cen-  
tury Swindon as Brunel was  
with that of the last century.  
Work on the centre started  
in 1970 and the bulk of the

shops are already built and  
occupied. To enable shopping  
to be truly traffic-free, a  
vehicle deck has been built  
at second-floor level,  
approached by a ramp.  
Deliveries are made on this  
floor by lorries, and the  
goods sent down to the shops  
by lift. Even fire engines  
can drive up. A computerized  
monitoring system keeps con-  
stant watch to warn of fire  
or intruders in the premises.  
Because some warehouse  
space on upper storeys was  
not needed, a ballroom has  
been included. Officials hope  
this will keep the Brunel  
centre alive at night.  
Swindon's array of super-  
markets and stores is  
designed to draw custom  
from an area well outside  
Thamesdown's own borders.  
This aim to be a regional  
shopping centre seems to be  
shared by every town renew-  
ing its commercial quarter.  
British womanhood will  
surely wilt in the end under  
the strain of the endless  
round of shopping supplied  
by developers, particularly  
when shopping around can  
mean driving 25 miles to  
another town or even taking  
a rail excursion to London.  
However, demand for space  
in Swindon does not seem to  
slacken. "We are still being  
selective about the right mix  
of retailing outlets in our let-  
ting policy", Mr Blythe said.  
Mr David Maggs, president  
of Swindon Chamber of Com-  
merce, said: "Building has  
not stopped here. The  
impetus of development is  
still there. Swindon is recog-  
nized as a dynamic place to  
live, with unusually pleasant  
countryside around it."  
He agreed that the  
changes had pushed up  
wages. "The inflow of many  
people who know London  
sales has caused this", Mr  
Maggs said. "The standard  
of living enjoyed by Swindon  
in 1974 is greater than at any  
time in the past."  
Development has been fin-  
anced and controlled largely  
by the local authority itself.  
Mr Maggs said: "I cannot  
believe Swindon could have  
emerged like it has as a pro-  
duct of private investment.  
It simply had to be govern-  
ment-sponsored, the invest-  
ment was so enormous."  
Naturally there have been  
dissenting views. Some feel

the council has tried to do  
too much, that the man in the  
civic offices, like the man in  
Whitehall, does not know  
best of all the time.  
One group of shopkeepers  
fought against having their  
premises taken over for re-  
development, saying they  
could do the job better them-  
selves, but lost after two public  
inquiries. Local builders  
who want to lay out a large  
private housing estate are  
protesting because they have  
been told by the council the  
scheme is premature in the  
absence of an overall develop-  
ment plan for the area.  
More genuine criticism  
comes from Swindon Old  
Town Traders Association.  
Their premises are up the  
hill, in an area which was  
probably a Saxon settlement  
a millennium before the rail-  
way was built down below.  
The association says: "In  
the old days if a business-  
man was neither interested  
in quality nor good service he  
did not stay around for long.  
But how many times now do  
you walk into a supermarket  
and feel it is more like a  
cattle market?"  
The old town itself—low-  
landers once called it Nob  
Hill—has not escaped some  
piecemeal development. But  
there are still Georgian  
premises to be found, and  
handsome inns.  
An 800-bed hospital has  
been built to keep pace with  
Thamesdown's growing popu-  
lation. What is locally known  
as The College has also  
expanded. Firms find it  
offers a range of courses for  
technical, managerial and  
clerical staff.  
The College has just col-  
laborated with the British  
Association for the Advance-  
ment of Science in a project  
entitled Technology and  
You. This was to study the  
social impact of technology.  
A residential management  
centre has been set up at  
Lydiard Park to the west of  
Swindon. This is for students  
on senior courses.  
Less Thamesdown seems to  
have moved too far from its  
railway history, it should be  
noted that the mayor of the  
new authority, Councillor  
R. J. Smith, is a toolmaker  
employed by British Rail  
since 1953. Many of his Swin-  
don predecessors also worked  
inside the great wall. P.O.L.



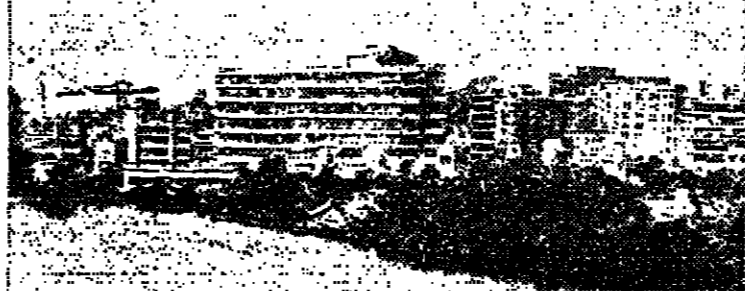
# 100 acre super site at Swindon.

SWINDON, the U.K.'s number one 'Expanding Town', is providing further room for industrial and commercial growth. Thamesdown Borough Council have reserved a 100 acre super site, no more than 10 minutes from the town centre, for exclusive development by about four major international companies.

away from it all the heart of things. Although close to the centre of Swindon, this Employment Area enjoys a superb location in the heart of Wiltshire countryside, with almost direct access to the M4 Motorway which borders one side of the site. With continued planned expansion, the council is concerned that this site could be occupied only by companies who can make the very best use of the facilities available, whilst contributing to the future prosperity and the active environment of the area. For this reason, we are inviting about

four companies to share in this site which offers unequalled scope for industrial and commercial expansion, away from congestion, but still at the very heart of things. For example, it's actually quicker by motorway to Heathrow Airport from Swindon than it is from Central London and the frequent train service will take you to Paddington in little more than an hour. The site is located at interchange No. 16 on the M4 (London to South Wales) which gives rapid motorway access to the M5 and M6 (to the Midlands and the North) thus providing excellent road communication with other major Cities and Ports.

Swindon—where the big boys feel at home. The Borough's unparalleled facilities have proved invaluable to Swindon's continued expansion and many well known firms have already been attracted to the area. Burma Oil, British Leyland, Roussel Laboratories, The Nationwide Building Society, Hambro Life Assurance Ltd., and W.H. Smith & Sons are but a few. Follow their example and every provision will be made to ensure you, your

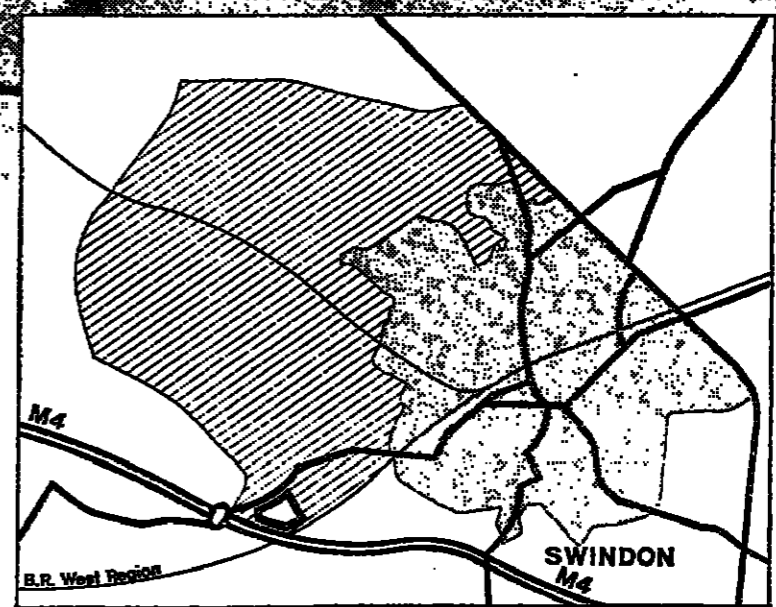


company and your employees settle in quickly and comfortably. Thamesdown Borough Council offer a comprehensive and continuous service to management with a specialist development team ready to help from the outset.

Now it's your move. Bring your business to Swindon—we're ready and willing to answer any questions you or your staff may have, to help solve any problems that may arise, and to arrange tours of the area to

help everyone feel at home. One final point—if this site is too big for you but you like the idea of moving to Swindon, there are other sites available in the area, one of which will almost certainly prove suitable.

Take a step in the right direction—to Swindon, where there's room to breathe. Contact: G. Blythe, Director, Development and Housing, Dept TT, Thamesdown Borough Council, Civic Offices, Swindon. Tel: 0793 26161.



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**Inspired decision gives fresh lease of life to historic village**

Swindon Bucks Council eight years ago to bring the Railway Village up to present-day standards. The original village was planned by Matthew Digby Wyatt, the architect responsible for Paddington station, and built by J. Rigby and Co of Westminster as an extension of its contract to build the railway works. It consisted of six parallel rows of neat cottages adjacent to the railway line and works. Most were simple one-up, one-down houses, with an outside lavatory and a back yard adjoining an alleyway between the rows. At the end of each terrace stood a three-bedroom house where a foreman lived, and on one corner was a large four-bedroom house for the works manager. There was also a lodging house for the unmarried workers, many Welsh, who came to Swindon. The whole village was built of Bath stone, excavated from the Box tunnel, so costs of materials were kept low. The dozen streets were named after the main railway stations on the GWR line—Bristol, Exeter, Taunton, Reading and so on. The design of the village was elegant, and the 300 terraced cottages were noted for their gables and shapely chimneys. But the significant aspect of the village's planning was the addition of the larger houses for foremen and managers—a successful attempt to mix social classes in the same community. Antagonism arose instead between the newcomers, the railway people, and the inhabitants of Swindon village who, it is said, put chains across the roads to separate the two communities. The antipathy is understandable: the railway workers were probably better off than any other working-class group at the time.

workers, and arithmetic, dictation and domestic subjects for their wives and daughters. It also included a reading room, lending library and a programme of debates, lectures, drama and other entertainment. A school and a church, St Mark's, were also built with funds subscribed by shareholders of the GWR, and both were opened in 1845. Later swimming baths and a park were added. But it was the railway medical fund society, set up in 1847, which shows how far ahead the railway company was in its attitude to welfare inducements. Within a few years the fund had built up a medical centre offering better facilities than could be found almost anywhere else at the time. For a few pence a week every railway worker and his family could have free treatment at the centre. The system survived so well that after the Second World War, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health of the time, studied it before the National Health Service was set up. It was nationalization and the Beaching axe that helped to send the railway village towards what might have been its doom. The rows of terraces became decrepit and unsightly, and British Railways, which had inherited it, decided that the village was no longer an economic proposition. A pilot scheme involving 23 houses was launched in 1963, and the conversion cost £1,800 for each house, was completed a year later. "Practically the whole interior of each house was gutted and refurbished, although we preserved the external character and appearance," Mr. Winter said. "We completely rewired, and laid new floors. And we relaid and insulated the roofs. We also tidied up the back yards and outside buildings." The council installed modern bathrooms and plumbing and a system of space heating. Cables and pipes for electricity, gas and water, as well as other services, were carried underground to avoid ugliness. So far 80 houses have been completely modernized, and a further 60 are due to be finished soon. The whole scheme is expected to cost about £1.5m but, as Mr. Winter points out, it would have cost more like £3m to build 300 new council homes. The financial benefits are, however, not the only ones. The new-style railway village has won Swindon two awards under the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors—The Times Conservation Award Scheme, as well as being highly commended under the Department of the Environment housing award scheme, which has listed it as of architectural and historical importance. Thamesdown council receives a huge number of applications from people wanting to live in the village, but most of the residents are former railwaymen or their widows. They have become used to receiving visitors from all over the world, town planners, sociology students and historians among them. But the people at the same time are sensitive about becoming a museum. "We try to avoid the word 'museum'," Mr. Winter said. "The railway village is not an anachronism at all. It is a faithful reproduction of an early way of life, a piece of Swindon history. But it is none the less a living community."

**Pioneer of adult education**

The GWR established in the railway village a number of enlightened welfare projects, some of them 100 years ahead of their time. It pioneered adult education with the Mechanics Institute, established in 1845. The institute provided evening classes in such subjects as mathematics, engineering, science and English for the male

**Piece of forward thinking**

"It was an inspired decision" according to Mr. Geoffrey Winter, the director of environmental services at Thamesdown, who took over an important role in the project soon after its inception. "Although the houses were in a state of disrepair, they were very little weathered compared with other properties built during the same period. But the sixties were a time when it was fashionable to demolish old

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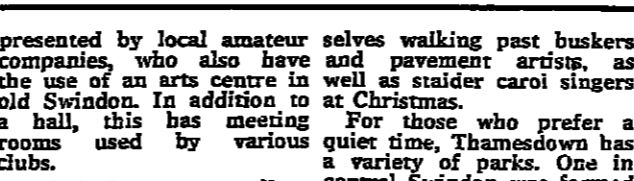
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**Picnics and other pleasures**

Mr. Denis Hodson, director of arts and recreation in Thamesdown, has responsibilities which cover rather more than cheering everyone up. His umbrella shelters a theatre, swimming baths, art gallery, and a picnic park to name but a few. In the organizational changes his department has also acquired responsibility for a crematorium and for landscaping development sites. Perhaps the most challenging undertaking at present is at Coate Water, on the south side of Swindon. This fine stretch of water was created 150 years ago as a reservoir to feed a canal running through the town. The canal linked the Avon to the Thames, and Bristol traders used it as a short cut to London. But the railway came, the canal was finally filled in, and Coate Water became a haven for rare birds and anglers. Now the area is being developed for boating, children's playgrounds, and other entertainments. By 1976 there will also be an 18-hole golf course at Broome Manor, a development adjoining Coate Water. Most of the cost will be met by the sale of plots for high quality houses round the golf course and for offices. But it is hoped that the greater part of the lake will remain an area of peaceful beauty. This may appease the shade of Richard Jefferies, a Swindon author, who drew inspiration from wandering round Coate Water. His birthplace, now containing a museum, is in sight of it. On the northern side of Swindon a £3m leisure centre should be completed late next year. Its indoor halls provide most of the standard sports, and a swimming pool will have artificial waves and be surrounded by palm trees. Outside there will be a closed circuit cycling track for juniors who are not allowed to race on public roads. On the cultural side, the Wyvern Theatre in the centre of Swindon celebrated its third birthday this year. In the early days there was some criticism that its offerings were a little high-flown, perhaps inspired by its name, a mythical beast allied to the dragon and griffin, once the emblem of the kings of Wessex. This winter the programme appears well balanced, with an Agatha Christie thriller, *Hair*, a special film season, and orchestral concerts among the items. Some of the shows are presented by local amateur companies, who also have an interesting attempt to combine the functions of an information centre with making the machine age intelligible to the average man and woman. A recent exhibition there by Highworth Artists Society made the best of both worlds rather neatly. It was a display of paintings, photographs, tools, materials and products relating to the countryside. The society called it "an attempt to pay our respects to the earth and to the many generations of our ancestors who by their labour, ingenuity and creativity founded the stable society from which grew the present age of technology which gives many people the leisure time to indulge in activities other than earning a living". The central plaza of the Brunel shopping centre, which is covered by a transparent parent dome, will be used for informal entertainment. It is likely to be the setting for some of the happenings envisaged by Thamesdown's arts officer, Mr. T. Court. Shoppers may find them-

**The Wyvern Theatre and precinct, Swindon. The town hall clock is on the left.**



selfes walking past buskers and pavement artists, as well as staid carol singers at Christmas. For those who prefer a quiet time, Thamesdown has a variety of parks. One in central Swindon was formed from the remains of an old stone quarry. Unusually for a town park, picnicking is encouraged. Open-air meals are also popular at the 20-acre stretch of land beside the Thames at Inglesham, much used by anglers and boaters. Lydiard Park is outside the authority's borders, but was bought by Swindon Council in 1943. Although a management centre has been established there, the park and part of the mansion are open to the public. The church near by has some astonishing Cavalier memorials which evidently escaped the attention of the Roundheads who attacked Highworth parish church, not many miles away, in the Civil War. But perhaps the most refreshing spot to visit is the Lawn in old Swindon. This natural park was the home of the Goddard family, who also built much of the original town. Now their mansion has gone, and most of the former parish church of the Holy Rood, but the trees and turf and the fine view remain. Swindon's soccer club, trying to win promotion from Division Three, have seen much better days. But one of their giants of the past is remembered in Fleming Way, a new road leading to the ground. Harold Fleming won several England caps before the First World War. But he enjoyed a higher honour, that of being known as the gentleman of the football field. P.O.L.

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